



Public Service Commission of Wisconsin

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To the Person Addressed

Re: Application of Wisconsin Gas LLC, as a Gas Public Utility, 6650-CG-226
for Authority to Replace Natural Gas Distribution Main in
the City of West Allis, Milwaukee County, Wisconsin

A new natural gas pipeline may be built in roadways in the city of West Allis, with short extensions in adjacent communities. I am writing to people who live along the route of this proposed pipeline. I am also sending this notification letter to places where the public will see it posted and to public officials in the project area.

On December 9, 2011, Wisconsin Gas LLC (WG, doing business as We Energies), filed an application to build this natural gas line at a total estimated cost of about \$30 million. Almost all of the line would be placed under road pavement.

The attached map shows the location of the proposed project. While most of the construction would be in the city of West Allis, short sections of the line would extend into the cities of New Berlin and Milwaukee and the village of West Milwaukee. Much of the line would be in Cleveland and Arthur Avenues. A more detailed description of the route is also attached.

The Public Service Commission of Wisconsin (Commission) is the state agency that regulates utilities and investigates proposed energy-related projects.

This is a Type II action under Wis. Admin. Code § PSC 4.10(2). It requires the preparation of an environmental assessment (EA) to determine whether an environmental impact statement is necessary under Wis. Stat. § 1.11.

The Commission is seeking comments on the environmental aspects of this proposal to assist in the preparation of the EA. By May 25, 2012, please send your comments (by phone, e-mail, or letter) to me at:

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Proposed Project

WG has been replacing existing 1949-era gas main in Milwaukee and Waukesha Counties. The proposed project would retire about six miles of additional 1949-era pipeline along Lincoln and Arthur Avenues in West Allis. The retired line would be replaced by a new line between the same endpoints.

The eastern half of the new line, like the existing line, would be built in Arthur Avenue eastward from 84th Street. The western half of the proposed project, however, would follow Cleveland Avenue between 124th and 84th Streets instead of Lincoln Avenue as the existing line does.

Some important aspects of the proposed work include:

- Almost all construction work would occur in the existing road pavement and medians.
- There will be traffic disruptions and lane closures from the construction.
- Driveways may be blocked for limited periods of time.
- Some trees and shrubs in the median of Cleveland Avenue would likely be removed during construction; however, no yard trees or shrubs should have to be disturbed along the route.
- Construction is planned for 2013 and 2014 (March 1st through September 30th both years).

The proposed route would cross under three small waterways. WG proposes to install the gas main beneath the waterways using a horizontal directional drilling method to avoid surface disturbance to them.

Project Review

The Commission will review this proposed project and determine whether to approve, modify, or deny WG's application. Commission staff is reviewing and analyzing information about the need for the project, its costs, its effect on the existing natural gas system, and its potential environmental and social impacts.

All documents in this docket are filed on the Commission's Electronic Regulatory Filing (ERF) system. To view these documents: (1) go to the Commission's web site at <http://psc.wi.gov>, (2) enter "6650-CG-226" in the box labeled "Link Directly to a Case," and (3) select "GO."

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Public Service Commission Contact for Media

Members of the media are urged to contact Kristin Ruesch, Communications Director, before contacting any staff associated with this project. Ms. Ruesch can be reached at (608) 266-9600, or kristin.ruesch@wisconsin.gov.

Sincerely,

/s/ Michael John Jaeger

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Attachment

PROJECT ROUTE

30-inch Diameter Steel Gas Main (about 11,800 feet)

- 124th St. from the existing regulator station at 2615 S. 124th St. to Cleveland Ave.
- Cleveland Ave. from 124th St. to National Ave.
- National Ave. from Cleveland Ave. to just east of I-894.
- The electric line corridor along the east side of I-894 from National Ave. to Cleveland Ave.

24-inch Diameter Steel Gas Main (about 19,500 feet)

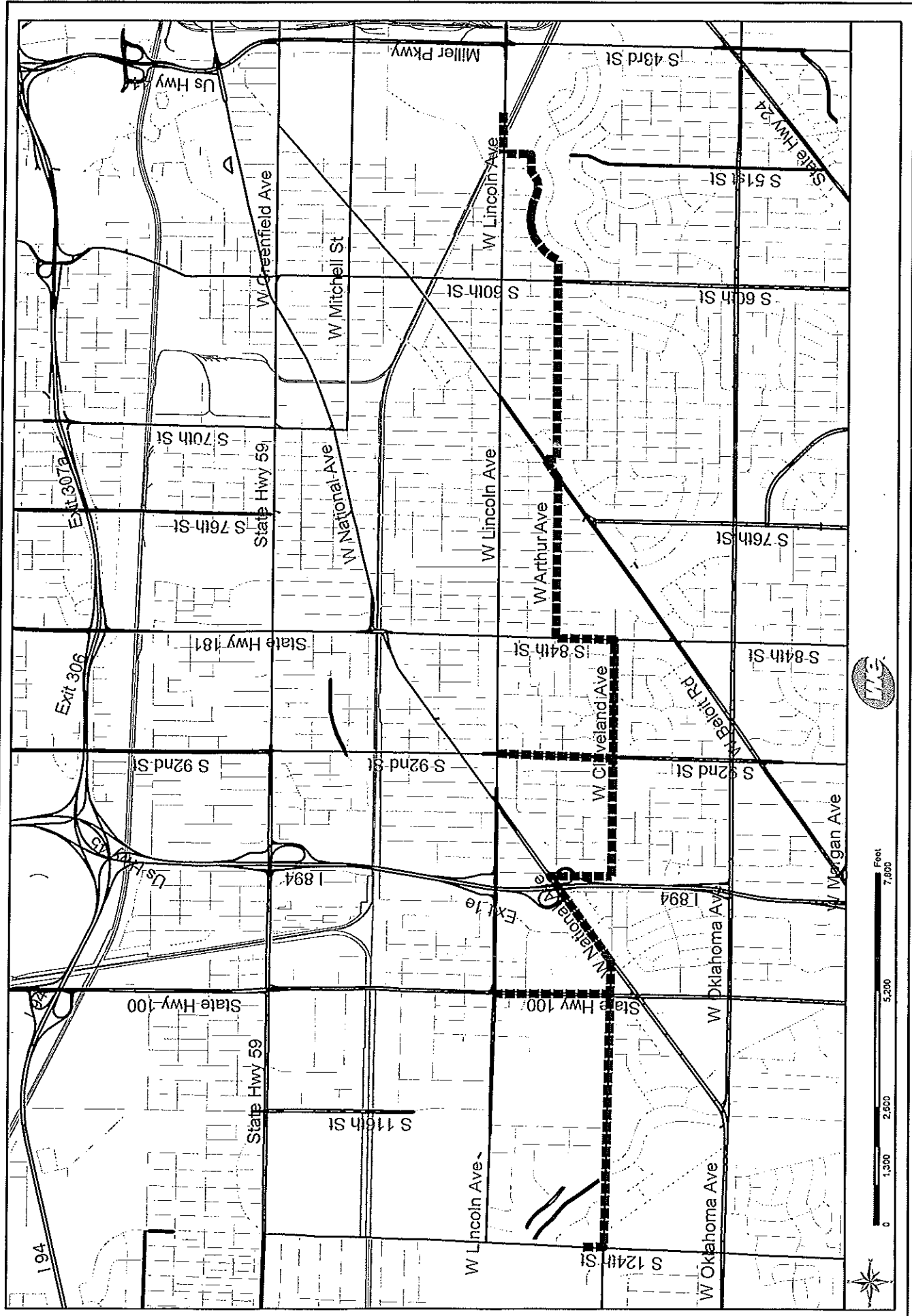
- Cleveland Ave. from I-894 to 84th St.
- 84th St. from Cleveland Ave. to Arthur Ave.
- Arthur Ave. from 84th St. to Beloit Rd.
- Beloit Rd. from Arthur Ave. to 72nd St.
- 72nd St. from Beloit Rd. to Arthur Ave.
- Arthur Ave. from 72nd St. to Filmore Dr.
- Filmore Dr. from Arthur Ave. to Hayes Ave.
- Hayes Ave. from Filmore Dr. to 51st St.
- 51st St. from Filmore Dr. to Lincoln Ave. (this section may be in lawn on the west side of 51st St.)
- Lincoln Ave. from 51st St. to the existing gas regulator station just east of the railroad tracks.

24-inch Diameter Steel Gas Main (about 4,000 feet)

- 108th St. (Hwy. 100) from Cleveland Ave. to Lincoln Ave.

8-inch Diameter Steel Gas Main (about 2,600 feet)

- 92nd St. from Cleveland Ave. to Lincoln Ave.



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