

**7852.1400 ROUTE PROPOSAL ACCEPTANCE.**

Subpart 1. **Acceptance for consideration.** The commission shall accept for consideration at the public hearing the routes and route segments proposed by the applicant and may accept for public hearing any other route or route segment it considers appropriate for further consideration. No route shall be considered at the public hearing unless accepted by the commission before notice of the hearing. Routes accepted shall be identified by the commission in accordance with part 7852.1600. A proposer of a route or route segment that the commission has accepted for consideration at the hearing shall make an affirmative presentation of facts on the merits of the route proposal at the public hearing.

Subp. 2. **Sources of route proposals.** The Public Utilities Commission staff and the citizen advisory committee may propose routes or route segments directly to the commission. Route proposals made by the citizen advisory committee must be made no later than 70 days after appointment of the citizen advisory committee.

Subp. 3. **Requirements for other route sources.** A person other than one listed in subpart 2 may propose a route or a route segment according to items A to C.

A. The proposed pipeline route or route segment must be set out specifically on appropriate maps or aerial photos specified in part 7852.2600, subpart 1.

B. The pipeline route or route segment proposal must contain the data and analysis required in parts 7852.2600, subpart 3, and 7852.2700, unless the information is substantially the same as provided by the applicant.

C. The route proposal must be presented to the commission within 70 days of acceptance by the commission of the applicant's permit application.

Subp. 4. **Preparation of route proposal.** Within ten days of receipt of a route proposal from a source described in subpart 3, the commission shall determine if the route proposal contains the information required in subpart 3. If the commission determines that the route proposal contains the required information, the commission shall make a determination of acceptance for hearing. If the commission determines that the proposal does not contain the required information, the commission shall inform the proposer in writing of what additional information is required. Upon receipt of a request for additional information, the proposer has ten days to provide the additional information in writing to the commission. The commission shall determine within five working days whether the amended proposal contains the required information. If the commission then determines that the route proposal does not contain the required information, the route proposer may appeal to the commission at its next regular meeting for consideration of acceptance. If the proposal contains the required information, the commission must consider acceptance of the route proposal for public hearing.

**Statutory Authority:** *MS s 116L.015; 216G.02*

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