

**RAILROAD COMMISSION OF TEXAS
HEARINGS DIVISION**

**OIL & GAS DOCKET NO.
08-0303220**

**FINAL ORDER
GRANTING THE APPLICATION OF ENERGY TRANSFER COMPANY TO
CONSIDER A SOUR GAS PIPELINE PURSUANT TO STATEWIDE RULE 106,
WAHA TO ARROWHEAD 24 INCH, WAHA, WEST (DELAWARE) FIELD, REEVES
AND PECOS COUNTIES, TEXAS**

The Commission finds that after notice and opportunity for hearing, the above-numbered docketed application meets the requirements of Statewide Rule 106 (16 Tex. Admin. Code §3.106 Sour Gas Pipeline Construction Permit.) The proceedings having been duly submitted to the Railroad Commission of Texas at conference held in its office in Austin, Texas, the Commission makes the following Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law.

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Notice of the application was published in the *Fort Stockton Pioneer*, a newspaper of general circulation in Pecos County, Texas, on December 8, 2016.
2. Notice of the application was published in the *Pecos Enterprise*, a newspaper of general circulation in Reeves County, Texas, on December 9, 2016.
3. The application was filed with the Pecos County Clerk and the Reeves County Clerk on December 2, 2016.
4. The proposed pipeline will be located in an unpopulated area of Reeves and Pecos Counties.
5. The proposed 20-inch pipeline will be 4.6 miles in length, starting in Reeves County at the Arrowhead Gas Plant and ending in Pecos County at the Waha Gas Plant.
6. The pipeline will carry approximately 200,000 mcf/day of gas with an H₂S concentration of 200 ppm.
 - a. The 100 ppm radius of exposure ("ROE") is 1,014 feet, and there is no 500 ppm ROE.
 - b. There are no public receptors within the 100 ppm ROE, as verified by an on-site review.

7. The maximum operating pressure of the pipeline will be 1,440 psig, and the system will normally operate at about 1,000 to 1,100 psig.
8. The system will be equipped with H₂S sensors and two automatic shutdown valves activated by pressure loss or overpressure conditions, and .
9. The pipeline will be constructed of API 5L steel pipe, which has been accepted for sour service and meets the pipeline safety specifications in 49 CFR Part 192 Appendix B, and as adopted by 16 Tex. Admin. Code § 8.
10. The Contingency Plan and H-9 Form comply with Statewide Rule 36.
11. The materials to be used in and methods of construction and operation of the facility comply with the applicable rules and safety standards adopted by the Commission.
12. The Pipeline Safety Division has reviewed the application and has received the T-4 (Application for Permit to Operate a Pipeline in Texas) and all required documentation to process an initial or amended permit for the requested pipeline.
13. The Field Operations Section has reviewed the Form H-9 (Certificate of Compliance Statewide Rule 36), contingency plan, and supporting data for the subject sour gas pipeline and determined that the proposal complies with the applicable provisions of SWR 36 regarding materials and operation.
14. By letter received by the Hearings Division on March 14, 2017, the applicant requested for the record that a Final Order in this case is to be effective when the Master Order is signed.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. Resolution of the subject application is a matter committed to the jurisdiction of the Railroad Commission of Texas. Tex. Nat. Res. Code § 81.051.
2. All notice requirements have been satisfied. 16 Tex. Admin. Code § 3.106.
3. The application meets the requirements of Statewide Rules 36, 70, and 106. 16 Tex. Admin. Code §§ 3.36, 3.70 and 3.106.
4. Pursuant to §2001.144(a)(4)(A), of the Texas Government Code, and the agreement of the applicant, this Final Order is effective when a Master Order relating to this Final Order is signed on March 21, 2017.

Therefore, it is **ORDERED** by the Railroad Commission of Texas that the application of Energy Transfer Company for Commission authority, pursuant to Statewide Rule 106, to construct a sour gas pipeline facility, the Waha to Arrowhead 24-inch pipeline, in Reeves and Pecos Counties, Texas is hereby approved. Energy Transfer Company shall comply with all applicable rules and safety standards adopted by the Commission for the construction and operation of hydrogen sulfide gas pipelines.

Pursuant to §2001.144(a)(4)(A), of the Texas Government Code, and the agreement of the applicant, this Final Order is effective when a Master Order relating to this Final Order is signed.

Done this 21st day of March, 2017.

RAILROAD COMMISSION OF TEXAS

**(Order approved and signatures affixed by
Hearings Divisions' Unprotested Master
Order dated March 21, 2017)**