

PHMSA Funding Opportunity: DTPH56-09-SN-0002

Who: Brookings County, South Dakota would like to file the following grant request with the Department of Transportation.

What: Technical Assistance Grants (TAG) to Communities – Demonstration Grants for Calendar Year 2009.
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When: Closing Date: April 3, 2009
Closing Time: 12:00 Noon Central Standard Time

Completion Date: Six months after approval of grant.

Where: Brookings County, South Dakota

Why: Brookings County currently has a 15.1 mile transmission pipeline owned by Northern Natural Gas Company. The pipeline runs parallel to US Hwy 14 and runs through three townships and two municipalities. The total population of Brookings County is 28,220. There are approximately 217 people within a 1,500 foot radius and approximately 69 people living within a 660 foot radius of the existing pipeline.

Why part II. Basin Electric Power Cooperative, Inc. has filed a Notification of Intent to Apply for a Permit for an Energy Conversion Facility. This facility will consist of a natural gas pipeline running approximately twelve miles to a tap in the existing Northern Pipeline located in Duel County, South Dakota.

How: The County proposes to use the Consultation and/or Planning Zone as defined by the PIPA as a basis for creating and implementing an additional chapter to the Brookings County Zoning Ordinance. The ordinance will be written to protect existing pipelines and newly constructed pipelines.

The Brookings County Drainage, Planning , Zoning and Drainage Department, Emergency Management Department, Highway Department, Sheriffs Department and Commission (Geographic Information Systems Technician) Department will work together in a concerted effort to accomplish this task.

The Cities of Brookings and Volga will be invited to all meetings because the existing pipeline runs through their respective jurisdictions. Fire and EMS Departments from five different communities will be involved. Since the pipeline crosses a Class I railroad, The Canadian Pacific's Dakota, Minnesota and Eastern Railroad will also be invited.

It is anticipated that the pipeline owner, Northern Natural Gas Company, will be a key player along with the Brookings County Planning Commission to develop the actual distances used in the Consultation and/or Planning Zone(s). Along with the two main players all landowners within 1,500 feet will be invited to participate in the discussions to set the final distance of the Consultation and/or Planning Zone(s).

A brochure will also be developed that can be provided to landowners and County citizens and it is anticipated that Northern Natural Gas Company's existing safety brochures will also be handed out along with the newly developed brochure.

Final outcome: At the conclusion of the grant we will have a Pipeline Safety ordinance that applies to the existing transmission pipeline and future pipelines constructed in Brookings County. The citizens of Brookings County will have been afforded the opportunity to participate in the process. Landowners that own land in the Consultation and/or Planning Zones will have been mailed a safety brochure from Brookings County detailing the procedures to apply for a building permit and the applicable setback requirements.