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New Mexico Products Pipeline Environmental Impact Statement



Shell Pipeline Company ("Shell") is proposing to build and operate a refined petroleum products pipeline system from Odessa, Texas to Bloomfield, New Mexico. Shell estimates that the pipeline, known as the New Mexico Products Pipeline ("NMPP"), will deliver 30,000 to 40,000 barrels per day of refined petroleum products via a continuous interstate pipeline system from the Odessa, Texas area to markets in central and northwestern New Mexico. This pipeline system will expand the nation's refined products distribution network to provide valuable service and supplies to New Mexico for future years.

The NMPP will primarily utilize Shell's existing, currently permitted 406-mile, 16-inch diameter pipeline from Jal, New Mexico to a point 18 miles south of Bisti, New Mexico. The existing pipeline will be supplemented by two additional 16-inch segments: (1) from an existing pipeline and distribution terminal in Odessa, Texas to Jal (approximately 62 miles, most of which is along already disturbed, existing rights of ways, and 3 miles of which cross BLM lands) and (2) from the Bisti Connection to an existing truck loading terminal at Bloomfield, New Mexico (approximately 32 miles, most of which is along already disturbed, existing rights of way, and 30 miles of which cross BLM lands). Shell will use a temporary 75-foot wide strip, along the right of way, for construction purposes. The right of way will revert to a permanent 50-foot wide strip following construction.

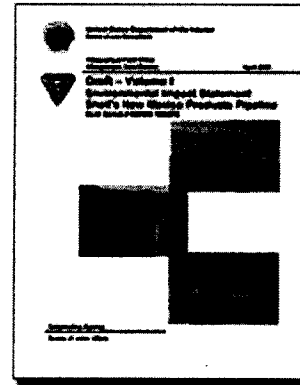
Shell's existing 406-mile pipeline section formerly carried crude oil from the Bisti Connection to Jal. Shell is proposing to reverse the flow direction (with product traveling northwest from Odessa to Bloomfield) and extend the pipeline with the additional sections at either end as described above. Due to the reversal of flow and increased isolation capabilities along the existing pipeline system, there will be 28 new block/check valve sites, seven new, intermediate pump stations (three on BLM lands; approximately 2 acres each), a new pumping and product transfer

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New segments not in the ROI

facility at Odessa, a new product distribution terminal near Moriarty, New Mexico and two new pressure control stations that would be added at existing facilities, as well as a product delivery metering facility at Bloomfield.

Refined petroleum products (e. g., gasoline, diesel and aviation fuels) will be transported to product distribution terminals in the Albuquerque and Four Corners areas in New Mexico. Transport trucks will load product at the terminals for movement to regional retail outlets. A new distribution terminal will be constructed south of the town of Moriarty. At that terminal, product will be taken from the line, placed into tanks and then loaded into trucks for transportation to the Albuquerque and the Santa Fe areas.



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