

Wolverine Pipe Line Detroit Metro Access Pipeline Project

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Wolverine Pipe Line Company Restarts Pipeline after Excavation Pipeline Damage in Rural Van Buren County

Geneva Township, Mich. – Wolverine Pipe Line Company repaired and reactivated its pipeline Monday, June 6 after a Van Buren County farmer accidentally hit the eight inch line while using an excavating machine to clear trees from his property. The Friday, June 3rd incident led to the estimated release of approximately 8,900 gallons of diesel fuel that accumulated and was contained in an area of the farm field. All of the diesel fuel was recovered.

Wolverine has been coordinating efforts with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ) to recover diesel fuel and remediate soil on the farm property. There are no reported injuries from the incident and no reports of any wildlife impacts. The pipeline carries diesel fuel from Niles to Ferrysburg, Michigan.

Wolverine's priority is for the safety of the community, the environment and our employees. Wolverine is cooperating and coordinating with local, state and federal authorities in our response to minimize any impacts the incident may have on our neighbors, the environment and surrounding community.

Wolverine reminds everyone to call 811, "Miss Dig" before you dig.

June 14, 2016: Pittsfield Twp. Grants Wolverine a Wetland Permit

Wolverine Pipe Line Company worked with the MDEQ, EPA, other federal agencies and Pittsfield Charter Township officials to develop a plan to install our new pipeline in wetland areas. Wolverine submitted an application to the township planning commission and it was approved on June 2, 2016. The township and MDEQ permits include a requirement to restore temporary wetland disturbances. Additionally, the township required escrowed funds by Wolverine for the township to pay for monitoring of the Wetlands restoration over a 10 year period. Finally, Wolverine was required to purchase Wetland Mitigation Credits.

May 5, 2016: Court dismisses landowner suit

A Washtenaw County Circuit Court dismissed a landowner suit seeking, among other things, a declaratory judgment that Wolverine's 1953 easement did not allow Wolverine to install an additional pipeline or to cut trees to install a new pipeline. The Circuit Court found that Wolverine was entitled under the 1953 easement to install an additional pipeline and to cut trees as reasonably necessary for such operations. The easement involved in this suit is the standard form that was used for the construction of Wolverine's original pipeline and authorized the construction of additional pipelines parallel to the original pipeline upon payment of the same consideration paid for the 1953 easement.

May 3, 2016: MDEQ Approves Wolverine Permit

After a comprehensive review by multiple agencies, the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ) has approved Wolverine Pipe Line Company's Part 31-301-303 Wetlands, Waterbodies, and Floodplains Individual Permit for the Detroit Metro Access Pipeline Project. Wolverine filed an application last October.

All wetland, stream, and floodplain crossings for the project are regulated by the MDEQ as the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) has given MDEQ jurisdiction for all non-Great Lakes wetlands and waterbodies under both federal and state laws.

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) also had opportunity to review and provide comment regarding the project per a memorandum of understanding between the agencies.

In addition, the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (MDNR), U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USF&WS), and Michigan State Historic Preservation Office (MSHPO) had an opportunity to review and comment on the permit application as part of the MDEQ public notice process. Throughout the permitting process, Wolverine worked cooperatively with the MDEQ and other permit reviewing agencies to develop a mitigation plan to avoid, minimize, and mitigate for any regulated impacts to wetlands, waterbodies, floodplains, threatened and endangered species, and cultural resources.

February-June 2016: Right-of-way clearing

Wolverine is committed to operating all our pipelines in a safe, reliable and environmentally responsible manner. Right-of-way clearing is an important step to ensure the proposed pipeline will be safely constructed and maintained in accordance with the U.S. Department of Transportation Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA) guidelines.

Wolverine apologizes, in advance, for any inconveniences to associated neighboring landowners, stakeholders and the general public. The environment is an important consideration to Wolverine. The company worked with the MDEQ, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the USF&WS to avoid impacts to certain bat species by completing specified tree removal by April 1.

Wolverine has notified landowners that a specialty timber clearing contractor was hired to remove trees and brush from Wolverine's pipeline easement in preparation for the proposed pipeline construction. Wolverine's contractor is using best management practices and crews will continue to progress as land tracts are released.

January 19, 2016: Wolverine Pipe Line Co. receives approval from MPSC

After conducting an extensive review of Wolverine Pipe Line Company's application, on January 19, 2016, the Michigan Public Service Commission (MPSC) issued an order authorizing construction of a pipeline that will safely deliver refined petroleum products from the Chicago area to consumers in Metro Detroit. The MPSC issued Wolverine a certificate of public convenience and necessity in accordance with Michigan Act 16 of 1929.

Wolverine's application was reviewed by joint agencies:

- Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ)
- U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE)

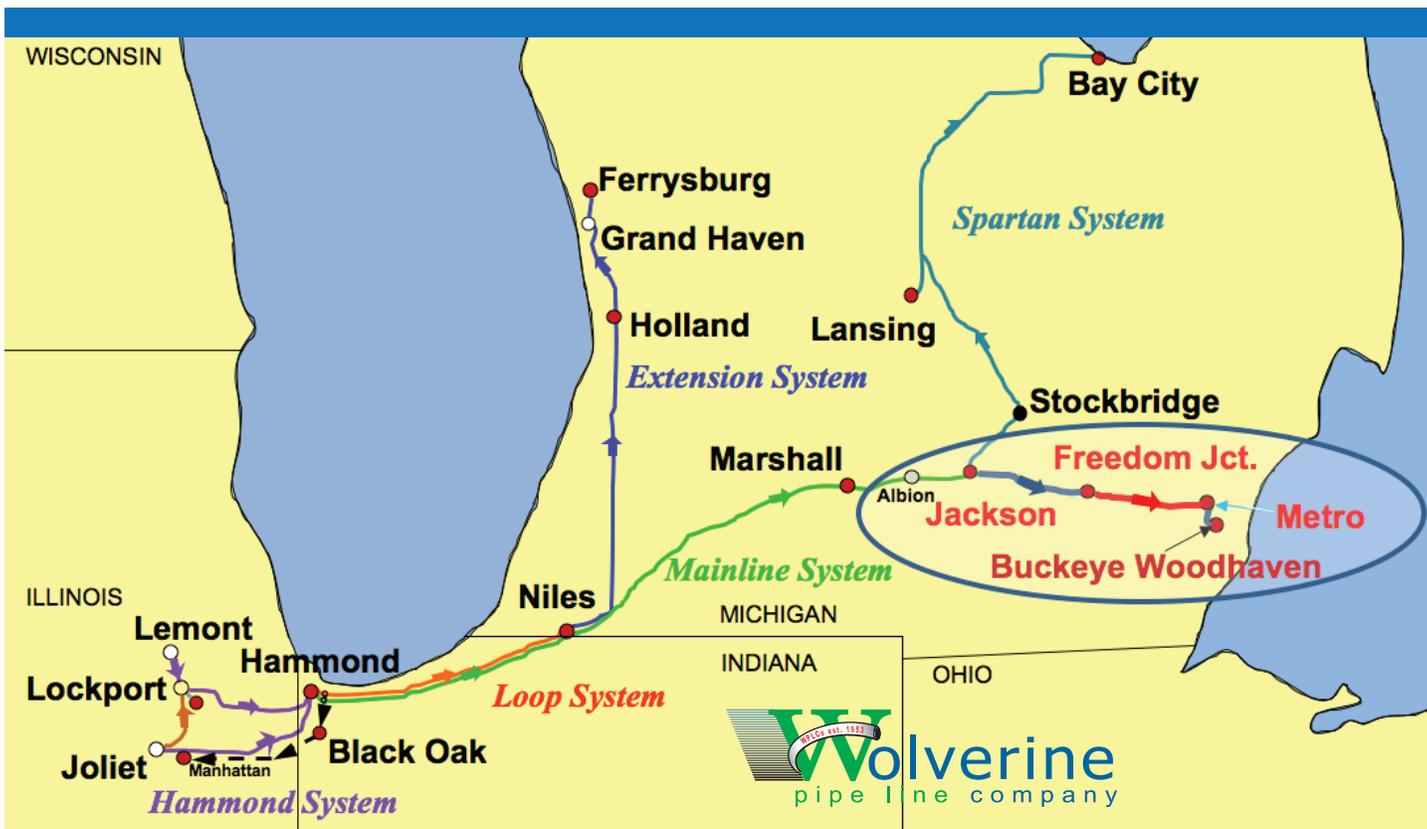
Key findings in the order include:

- Wolverine has demonstrated a public need.
- Pipeline route is designed and routed in a reasonable manner. The proposed route is within an existing corridor
- Wolverine's proposed mitigation will result in minimal environmental concerns. Determination is based in part on review and input from MDEQ and U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service (USF&WS).
- Construction, operation and maintenance of the pipeline will meet or exceed current safety and engineering standards.

Subject to receipt of other necessary permits and approvals, Wolverine plans to construct and operate approximately 35 miles of 16-inch diameter pipeline from its terminal in Washtenaw County's Freedom Township to Romulus.

The route of the new pipeline will generally parallel an existing Wolverine pipeline that is leased to other pipeline companies. At Romulus, the new pipeline will connect to an existing Wolverine pipeline that continues to Woodhaven in Southwestern Metro Detroit.

Approval of the MPSC order enables Wolverine to begin some preliminary work. If regulatory permits, approvals and funding are obtained as planned, pipeline construction is expected to begin in mid July to early August 2016 with a construction completion by the end of the year.



By the Numbers

- 250-300 construction jobs
- \$4 million spent locally for food, lodging, materials and supplies during construction
- \$1.2 million per year in income taxes
- \$100,000 per year in additional local property taxes
- Transport equivalent of 425 tanker trucks per day
- 35 miles of new pipeline



October 30, 2015: FERC issued Wolverine Petition for Declaratory Order

The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) in Washington, D.C. has rate and tariff authority over oil pipelines. Siting authority is handled by the MPSC.

Wolverine filed a Petition for Declaratory Order regarding its proposed Detroit Metro Access Project on July 3. FERC issued a Declaratory Order on October 30, 2015 approving Wolverine's proposed priority service and rate structure for the project.

Detroit Metro Access Pipeline Project

To help meet the demand for gasoline and diesel fuel transportation services, Wolverine Pipe Line Company is proposing to build a new pipeline from their terminal in Freedom Township in Washtenaw County to Romulus in Wayne County and connecting to existing pipeline to Woodhaven in Southwestern Metropolitan Detroit.

Most of the new, state-of-the-art pipeline will be built in the same right-of-way as Wolverine's existing pipeline. The existing line between Freedom Township and Romulus is leased to other pipeline companies.

Pipeline construction is expected to begin in mid July to early August 2016 with a completion by the end of the year. Construction of the pipeline will support between 250 and 300 construction jobs and the new line will create four to six new permanent jobs at Wolverine.

Wolverine is a Michigan-based pipeline transportation service company incorporated in 1952 and is headquartered in Portage, Michigan.

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