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Local airports, airlines and utilities continue efforts to bolster Southern Nevada's future fuel supplies

LAS VEGAS -- The Clark County Department of Aviation, Southwest Airlines and the parent companies of Nevada Power and Las Vegas-based Allegiant Air have expressed written support for a proposed pipeline expansion that could substantially increase the amount of fuel products shipped daily into this community.

Houston-based Kinder Morgan Energy Partners and its operating partner, Calnev Pipe Line, LLC, are seeking state and federal approval to expand their existing Calnev Pipeline system. The 233-mile-long, dual pipeline system brings nearly all of Southern Nevada's motor vehicle and jet fuel here from ports and refineries in Southern California. Executives from the two airlines, Sierra Pacific Resources and the Department of Aviation were among those who sent letters supporting the proposed pipeline expansion to the Bureau of Land Management, which is jointly overseeing an environmental review process in association with the County of San Bernardino, Calif.

"It's important that government and the private sector continue to work in tandem to address this important issue, which affects both residents and our valued visitors alike," said Randall H. Walker, director of the Clark County Department of Aviation. "The Calnev Pipeline expansion is another important step toward addressing our community's long-term fuel needs."

In fall 2005, the Board of County Commissioners created an advisory panel known as the Blue Ribbon Commission to Improve the Reliability of Southern Nevada's Fuel Supply. It included representatives from local, state and federal government agencies; private businesses; as well as environmental concerns. Walker served as chairman, and he and his fellow members met regularly for more than a year to thoroughly consider the challenges and opportunities associated with ensuring that this community continues to enjoy a stable fuel supply.

The Blue Ribbon Commission's actions prompted multiple businesses to unveil proposals intended to supplement existing fuel sources. In November 2006, one key recommendation the Blue Ribbon Commission presented to Clark County's elected leaders called for increased fuel flow through the existing Calnev Pipeline system. This goal is precisely what Kinder Morgan and Calnev Pipe Line would achieve through the proposed pipeline expansion.

If built, the expanded pipeline would increase the existing system capacity from a maximum of 156,000 barrels per day to more than 200,000 barrels per day. With additional pumping stations, capacity could further climb to as much as 300,000 daily barrels. Kinder Morgan and Calnev Pipe Line hope to begin construction in late 2009 or early 2010.

The Clark County Department of Aviation owns and operates McCarran International Airport, as well as four smaller airports in Southern Nevada including Henderson Executive and North Las Vegas Airport. The Department has been a self-sustaining entity since 1966 and its operations are funded through revenue generated at its facilities.

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BLM Barstow Field Office Attention: Ms. Edythe Seehafer, Environmental Coordinator 2601 Barstow Road Barstow, CA 92311

Dear Ms. Seehafer:

I'm writing today to formally express the Clark County Department of Aviation's support for the proposed Calnev Pipeline expansion. I am confident this project will be beneficial to Southern Nevada's more than 2 million residents, as well as the nearly 40 million travelers who fly or drive to and from this community each year.

Beginning in fall 2005, I was privileged to serve as chairman of a Clark County-appointed advisory board known as the Blue Ribbon Commission to Improve the Reliability of Southern Nevada's Fuel Supply. This group included representatives from local, state and federal government agencies; private businesses; as well as environmental concerns. Its members met regularly for more than a year to thoroughly consider the challenges and opportunities associated with ensuring that this community continues to enjoy a stable fuel supply.

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An expanded Calnev Pipeline system would increase the existing system capacity from a maximum of 156,000 barrels per day to more than 200,000 barrels per day. With additional pumping stations, capacity could further climb to as much as 300,000 daily barrels. One barrel represents 42 gallons of fuel, so the significant benefits this private sector development would provide to our community are easily discernable.

It should also be noted that the proposed pipeline expansion is necessary to support both the short- and long-term growth of Southern Nevada and its environs. This added capacity is of particular importance to McCarran International Airport and other smaller airports owned and operated by the Clark County Department of Aviation. McCarran has set a new record-high annual passenger total each year since 2004, and projected growth in local air traffic alone would justify the need for additional capacity within the Calnev system.



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The Calnev pipeline runs through a site at which Clark County is considering plans to build a new full-service commercial airport. While this airport in Ivanpah Valley would certainly benefit from additional Calnev capacity, I must stress that an expanded pipeline is needed independent of any new fuel demand this new airport would create.

Southern Nevada's economy depends upon the travel industry, and a steady fuel supply is what keeps our community's valued visitors moving. We encourage your office to approve the Calnev Pipe Line, LLC and Kinder Morgan Energy Partners application to expand the Calnev system.

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RE: Calnev Pipeline Expansion Project - Scoping Comments on Joint EIS/EIR

Dear Ms. Seehafer:

LASfuel Corporation is a consortium of major U.S., international, and regional airlines operating at McCarran International Airport in Las Vegas, Nevada, including Air Canada, Air Transat, Alaska Airlines, Allegiant Air, American Airlines, Continental Airlines, Delta Air Lines, Federal Express, Frontier Airlines, Hawaiian Airlines, Korean Airlines, Maxjet Airways, Northwest Airlines, Southwest Airlines, United Air Lines, US Airways, and Virgin Atlantic Airways. LASfuel, through its operator, runs the jet fuel storage facility and hydrant distribution system at McCarran International, supplying Jet-A fuel to all of the airport terminals and airplane gates.

The proposal by Calnev Pipe Line, LLC to expand and modernize its fuel pipeline serving McCarran and other destinations is of significant importance to LASfuel and its member airlines. LASfuel supports the proposal and believes the pipeline project will provide critical infrastructure capacity improvements. We understand that if the proposed new 16-inch diameter multi-product pipeline is approved and constructed, the existing 14-inch diameter pipeline will remain in place to supply Jet-A fuel. We do not believe there are other distribution methods that could serve the need this project will address. Alternatives such as trucking are not feasible to supply jet fuel to the airport and would likely increase rather than reduce environmental impacts, including air quality, traffic, and related safety concerns.

By proposing to *reuse* an existing pipeline and co-locate a new pipeline within the existing utility corridor to the extent possible, the project appears designed to minimize adverse environmental impacts. Also, by reusing the existing 14-inch diameter pipeline to serve

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McCarran, the need for modified connections and airport-related ancillary facilities will be eliminated or kept to a minimum.

We appreciate the opportunity to participate in the scoping process for this important project. Please include LASfuel in the distribution list for future notices concerning the Calnev Pipeline project by directing such notices to my attention.

Sincerely

Jim Stevenson, President LASfuel Corporation

cc: Randall H. Walker, Director
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Ms. Edythe Seehafer BLM Barstow Field Office 2601 Barstow Road Barstow, CA 92311

RE: Comments on the proposed Calnev Pipeline expansion

Dear Ms. Seehafer:

You are currently accepting comments on the proposed expansion of the Calnev Pipeline which supplies petroleum products to our Las Vegas valley. I am both a resident of Las Vegas and the CEO of Allegiant Travel Company, headquartered here in Las Vegas. In both instances, personally and professionally, I/we are totally dependent on the movements of gasoline fuels through the Calnev Pipeline for our livelihood. This single point of supply is critical for our continued prosperity.

With the growth of the valley during the past 10-15 years, it is widely known that the capacity on the pipeline is stretched. In fact, last summer, our airline was put on rationing for jet fuel-because of delivery problems tied to capacity issues on the pipeline. The proposed expansion, particularly within the foot print of the existing pipeline, seems very appropriate and the most expeditious way of providing the much needed additional capacity to our valley.

We are very appreciative of the work done by the Blue Ribbon Commission formed by the Clark County Board of Commissioners in October 2005. This panel did an excellent job of reviewing the capacity and associated problems in our current infrastructure as well as alternatives to expanding capacity. Additionally, they reviewed a number of proposals and their sponsors. This proposed solution, backed by Kinder Morgan, to build an additional 16 inch pipeline in the current right of way should be acted on as soon as possible.

Very truly yours,

Maurice J. Gallagher

C. E. O., President - Allegiant Travel Company

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Re: Scoping Comments on EIS for CalNev Pipeline Expansion Project

Dear Ms. Seehafer:

I had the honor of serving on the Blue Ribbon Commission to Improve the Reliability of Southern Nevada's Fuel Supply. The Commission was responsible for analyzing and identifying fuel delivery issues in the Las Vegas valley. The pipeline expansion being proposed in the EIS/EIR statement of purpose was a key alternative identified which would meet the long term solution for Southern Nevada and improve reliability. Southern Nevada is one of the fastest growing metropolitan areas in the country. As Southern Nevada's population grows so does its consumption and demand of gasoline, diesel and jet fuel. Most modes of transportation in Southern Nevada depend on a single fuel supply which is why it is imperative that the EIS/EIR statement is approved.

Sierra Pacific is enthusiastically supportive of this important infrastructure project which is a critically needed to ensure the continued economic vitality of our region. We believe that it is important that the EIS/EIR for this project make clear to the public that the expansion of the CalNev Pipeline is needed in large part to accommodate expected growth forecasts.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the scope of the EIS for this important project.

Sincerely,

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