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## **IURC APPROVES HEARTLAND GAS PIPELINE**

Today in Cause No. 42729, the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission (IURC) approved the request of Heartland Gas Pipeline for a certificate of public convenience and necessity to construct and operate an intra-state natural gas pipeline.

The Commissioners found that the evidence in the case supports the public benefits of the proposed pipeline and that construction of the pipeline will result in the diversification of gas supply and transportation options for Heartland's wholesale customer, Citizens Gas. In addition the Commission approved the service agreement with Citizens Gas, which will give the Indianapolis based distribution company access to the Chicago Hub, benefiting ratepayers of Citizens Gas. Citizens will run the day to day operation of the pipeline. Heartland's gas tariff and financing plan were also approved.

Heartland is one of only two regulated intra-state pipeline utilities in the state. The price it charges for transportation will be regulated by the Commission.

The membership interests in Heartland are Citizens By-Products Coal Company, a wholly-owned subsidiary of Citizens and ProLiance Transportation & Storage Heartland LLC, which is a wholly-owned subsidiary of ProLiance Transportation & Storage, LLC, which in turn is a wholly-owned subsidiary of ProLiance Energy, LLC.

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