GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA 1985 SESSION

CHAPTER 696 HOUSE BILL 1130

AN ACT TO ESTABLISH GUIDELINES FOR LOCATING LIQUID AND GAS PIPELINES AND TO LIMIT THE WIDTH OF LAND CONDEMNED FOR LOCATION OF SUCH PIPELINES.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. G.S. 62-190 is amended by designating the existing section as subsection (a) and by adding a new subsection to read:

"(b) Liquid pipeline right-of-way must be selected to avoid, as far as practicable, areas containing private dwellings, industrial buildings, and places of assembly.

No liquid pipeline may be located within 50 feet of any private dwelling, or any industrial building or place of public assembly in which persons work, congregate, or assemble, unless it is provided with at least 12 inches of cover in addition to that prescribed in Part 195, Title 49, Code of Federal Regulations.

Any liquid pipeline installed underground must have at least 12 inches of clearance between the outside of the pipe and the extremity of any other underground structure, except that for drainage tile the minimum clearance may be less than 12 inches but not less than two inches. However, where 12 inches of clearance is impracticable, the clearance may be reduced if adequate provisions are made for corrosion control."

Sec. 2. G.S. 40A-3(a)(1) is amended by inserting at the end thereof the following:

"Land condemned for any liquid pipelines shall:

a. not be less than 50 feet nor more than 100 feet in width; and

b. comply with the provisions of G.S. 62-190(b).

The width of land condemned for any natural gas pipelines shall not be more than 100 feet."

Sec. 3. This act is effective upon ratification.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified, this the 11th day of July, 1985.