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Ms. Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
888 First Street, NE
Washington, DC 20426

Re: *NEXUS Gas Transmission, LLC*
NEXUS Gas Transmission Project, Docket No. PF15-10-000
Third Monthly Progress Report

Dear Ms. Bose:

On January 9, 2015, the Director of the Office of Energy Projects issued a letter in the above-referenced docket approving the request of NEXUS Gas Transmission, LLC (“NEXUS”) to commence the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission’s (“Commission”) Pre-Filing Review Process for its proposed NEXUS Gas Transmission Project (“Project”). Pursuant to Section 157.21(f)(6) of the Commission’s regulations,¹ NEXUS herewith submits its third monthly progress report for the Project for the period March 1, 2015 through March 31, 2015.

Should you have any questions regarding this filing, please contact the undersigned at (713) 627-4515.

/s/ Leanne Sidorkewicz
Leanne Sidorkewicz
Project Director, Rates & Certificates

Attachments

cc: Joanne Wachholder (FERC)

¹ 18 C.F.R. § 157.21(f)(6) (2014).

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Introduction

By letter order dated January 9, 2015, NEXUS Gas Transmission, LLC (“NEXUS”) was granted approval by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (“FERC” or the “Commission”) to utilize the Commission’s Pre-Filing review process for the proposed NEXUS Gas Transmission Project (“Project”). The Project has been assigned Docket No. PF15-10-000.

This Monthly Progress Report provides a brief summary of significant Project activities or changes in Project information that have occurred during the period beginning March 1, 2015, through March 31, 2015.

Field Surveys

Civil Survey

- Approximately 76 percent of the land-based civil surveys for the current route have been completed. The slight reduction from 80 percent civil survey that was previously reported reflects the implementation of line adjustments along the proposed pipeline to accommodate various constraints. NEXUS is in the process of obtaining survey permission for the parcels that have not yet been surveyed.

Environmental Field Surveys

- **Biological Surveys:** NEXUS commenced biological field surveys in the fall of 2014. Approximately 62 percent (155 miles) of the total Project route has been surveyed for wetland and waterbodies with a total of 220 waterbodies and 160 wetland crossings identified to date. No additional resources were surveyed during the reporting period. For areas not yet covered by biological surveys, NEXUS is performing an evaluation of best available information including aerial photography, Natural Resource Conservation Service soils mapping, National Hydrography Data, National Wetland Inventory and USGS mapping and LIDAR data and approximated resource boundaries for draft Project alignment sheets. NEXUS also coordinated with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and applicable state agencies, prepared a field survey protocol, and performed bat portal surveys along the proposed route. NEXUS is also preparing for spring biological field surveys and is coordinating with right of way agents to perform field surveys on route changes implemented over the winter. NEXUS plans to commence biological field surveys in early April 2015.
- **Cultural Surveys:** Preliminary cultural resources background research and literature file reviews were performed at the Ohio and Michigan State Historic Preservation Offices (“SHPOs”) during the summer and fall of 2014. To date, approximately 115.2 miles (53 percent) of identification-level cultural resource field investigations have been completed for the NEXUS Project. No additional cultural resource field surveys were performed during the reporting period. Cultural resource technical leads are preparing field survey reports for inclusion with the FERC filing planned in June 2015 and are preparing to mobilize field crews to continue cultural surveys in early April 2015.

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Engineering Activities

- Issued draft Project alignment sheets for internal review by environmental, construction, right-of-way, and engineering discipline leads
- Completed preliminary engineering designs for aboveground facilities
- Commenced air quality impact calculations for air permitting applications
- Performed initial noise studies and field activities for proposed horizontal direction drill, compressor station, and metering and regulation stations
- Prepared Pre-Assembly Plan for piping and equipment
- Continued engineering constraint reviews of numerous project route changes including the Southern Route and City of Green major route alternatives

Resource Reports

- Initial Resource Reports 1 and 10 were filed with the Commission on January 23, 2015. NEXUS received the comments from FERC's staff on Resource Reports 1 and 10 posted to the docket and dated March 24, 2015. NEXUS is preparing responses to these comments, and others posted to the docket, that will be filed with the first full set of resource reports (Resource Report 1 through 12) planned for filing in June 2015.

Agency Communications

No new agency communications were performed during this reporting period.

Routing/Facilities Update

During this period, NEXUS continues to evaluate re-routes suggested by individual landowners, right-of-way agents, environmental team members, and engineering and construction team members. Specifically, the re-routes evaluated during this period included those required to minimize environmental impacts, address constructability issues, and respond to landowner requests. NEXUS has a multidisciplinary team reviewing and quantifying the potential environmental effects of route alternatives identified by stakeholders through public comments issued to FERC and/or received at Open Houses including a southern route alternative, the re-route submitted by the City of Green on the docket, and a re-route paralleling an existing high tension power line utility corridor submitted to the docket by Mr. David J. Eigel on 01/26/15 and 02/13/15.

Stakeholder Activities

NEXUS continues to work with stakeholders, including landowners, government agencies and community leaders to refine and provide updates regarding the NEXUS Project. The following meetings were conducted during this reporting period:

Meetings

- On March 3, 2015, NEXUS representatives met with Owens Community College faculty to provide a project briefing and relevant updates.
- On March 4 & 5, 2015, NEXUS representatives presented to Lorain County Community College students to provide and project briefing.

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- March 4, 2015, NEXUS representatives met with Lorain County Economic Development officials to brief them on the project and answer questions.
- March 25, 2015, NEXUS representatives met with Eastern Gateway Community College faculty to brief them on the project and discuss the future oil and gas industry workforce availability in Ohio.
- March 31, 2015, NEXUS officials met with the Ohio State University Agricultural Extension/Ohio Farm Bureau to brief them on the project and answer questions.
- March 31, 2015, NEXUS officials met with the City of Green to discuss the re-route proposal posted to the docket on March 23, 2015.

Project Filings and Schedule Update

Project Filings

During this reporting period, NEXUS filed with FERC on March 20, 2015, updated stakeholder mailing lists for the Project and a Project Update. The Project update notified Commission Staff and interested stakeholders that NEXUS determined that it could meet Project objectives by using 36-inch diameter pipe and that use of 36-inch pipe for the greenfield portion of the Project would not result in any other changes to the Project.

Date	Submitted by	Content
03/20/15	NEXUS Gas Transmission, LLC	Updated Stakeholder List and Project Update

Schedule Update

There were no changes to the Project schedule.

Next Monthly Report

The next progress report will cover the period beginning April 1 through April 30, 2015.