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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
Fourth 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 fourth monthly progress report for the Project for the period April 1, 2015 through April 30, 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 April 1, 2015, through April 30, 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 79 percent that was previously reported reflects the implementation of route adjustments along the proposed pipeline to accommodate various constraints. NEXUS is continuing to seek survey permission for the parcels that have not yet been surveyed.

Environmental Field Surveys

- ***Biological Surveys:*** NEXUS resumed biological field surveys on April 7, 2015 (biological field surveys had begun in the fall of 2014). Approximately 70 percent (175 miles) of the Project route has been surveyed for wetlands and waterbodies with a total of 310 waterbodies and 240 wetlands identified within the study corridor between 2014 and 2015. For areas not yet covered by biological surveys, NEXUS has evaluated the approximate boundaries for wetlands and waterbodies from the best available information including aerial photography, Natural Resource Conservation Service soils mapping, National Hydrography Data, National Wetland Inventory and United States Geological Survey topographic mapping and LIDAR data for draft Project alignment sheets. NEXUS also coordinated with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and applicable state agencies, prepared field survey protocols, and performed bat portal surveys along the proposed route. During this period and where landowner permission has been granted, biological survey crews have conducted surveys along the pipeline and aboveground facilities, associated temporary workspace, and Project access roads. Species specific habitat assessments are ongoing and planned bat surveys will be coordinated with the appropriate regulatory agencies and are scheduled for May in Michigan and June in Ohio. Biological and environmental resource technical leads are preparing draft resource reports for inclusion with the FERC filing scheduled for June 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, while additional background research and literature file reviews were performed in March 2015 for reroute segments implemented since the beginning of the Project. To date, approximately 65 percent (160 miles) of identification-level archaeological resource field investigations have been completed for the NEXUS Project; approximately 46 miles (19 percent) of the above ground architectural resource field investigations have been completed. Field crews mobilized in early April 2015 to continue cultural surveys after a winter hiatus. The cultural resource

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field surveys performed during the reporting period included surveys of previously denied and granted tracts, including proposed ROW and associated workspace and access roads. Material analysis of cultural artifacts recovered during the Fall and Winter of 2014 have been completely analyzed while material analysis of artifacts from archaeological sites identified or relocated during the April 2015 field investigations is ongoing. Cultural resource technical leads are preparing resource reports for inclusion with the FERC filing planned in June 2015 and are preparing the initial technical report for submittal to the Ohio and Michigan SHPOs in August 2015.

Engineering Activities

- Finalized draft alignment sheets for June FERC filing
- Completed Typical Pipeline right-of-way cross sections
- Prepared draft horizontal directional drill (“HDD”) plan and profile drawings
- Updated piping plans for launcher / receiver, meter and regulator stations and mainline valves
- Prepared engineering evaluations for several proposed alternative pipeline routes
- Supported preparation of draft Resource Reports and performed engineering evaluations for impact summary tables

Resource Reports

- Initial Resource Reports 1 and 10 were filed with the Commission on January 23, 2015. NEXUS received comments from FERC’s staff on Resource Reports 1 and 10 on 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 Reports 1 through 12) planned for filing in June 2015. NEXUS is also responding in resource reports to comments received from stakeholders during FERC’s public scoping meetings (held during the last week of April and planned for the first week of May).

Agency Communications

NEXUS representatives met with the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (“OEPA”) on April 14, 2015, in their Central Office to discuss the air quality permitting strategy for the NEXUS Project. Representatives from OEPA’s Northeast District Office; Akron Regional Air Quality Management District; Northwest District Office; and Toledo Division of Environmental Services were also in attendance. NEXUS also participated in the FERC’s first agency bi-weekly meeting with NEXUS participating/cooperating agencies on April 20, 2015.

Routing/Facilities Update

During this period, NEXUS continues to evaluate re-routes suggested by individual landowners, ROW 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 during Open Houses and FERC Scoping Meetings including a southern route alternative, the alternative proposed by the City of Green, and an alternative which parallels an existing high tension power line corridor submitted to the docket by Mr. David J. Eigel on 01/26/15 and 02/13/15.

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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 April 1, 2015, NEXUS representatives met Waterville Township Trustees to provide a project briefing and discuss the siting and operation of compressor stations.
- On April 8, 2015, NEXUS representatives met with Lorain County Commissioners to provide project briefing and answer questions.
- On April 14, 2015, NEXUS sent an informational postcard to stakeholders along the route.
- On April 14, 2015, NEXUS representatives met with the Stark County Economic Development Corporation to provide a project briefing.
- On April 16, 2015, NEXUS representatives met with Monroe County Community College (Michigan) officials to discuss the NEXUS sustainability program.
- On April 16, 2015, NEXUS representatives met with Lenawee NOW to discuss agricultural drain tile issues.
- On April 18, 2015, NEXUS representatives met with Stark County Engineer and Township Trustees to brief them on the project and answer questions.
- On April 23, 2015, NEXUS sent an informational postcard to stakeholders along the route.
- On April 24, 2015, NEXUS officials met with the Medina County Economic Development stakeholders to discuss possible markets.
- On April 25, 2015 NEXUS sent an informational postcard to stakeholders along the route.
- On April 28, 2015 NEXUS representatives attended the FERC Scoping meeting in Lorain County, OH.
- On April 29, 2015, NEXUS representatives attended the FERC Scoping meeting in Medina County, OH.
- On April 30, 2015 NEXUS representatives met with representatives of the City of Green during a site visit with FERC staff and attended the FERC Scoping meeting in Stark County, OH.

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Project Filings and Schedule Update

Project Filings

NEXUS did not file any updates to the Project during this reporting period.

Summary of NEXUS FERC filings

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 May 1 through May 31, 2015.

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