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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
Fifth 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 fifth monthly progress report for the Project for the period May 1, 2015 through May 31, 2015.

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

/s/ Leanne Sidorkewicz
Leanne Sidorkewicz
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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 May 1, 2015, through May 31, 2015.

Field Surveys

Civil Survey

- Approximately 82 percent of the land-based civil surveys for the current route have been completed. NEXUS implemented numerous route adjustments along the proposed pipeline to accommodate various constraints and to address stakeholder concerns. NEXUS is continuing to seek survey permission for the parcels that have not yet been surveyed.

Environmental Field Surveys

- ***Biological Surveys:*** NEXUS continued with biological field surveys in May of 2015. A detailed summary of the status of wetlands and waterbody field surveys to date for the NEXUS Project will be provided in draft Resource Report 2 of NEXUS’s Pre-Filing submittal to the FERC in June. Approximately 71 percent of the Project route has been surveyed for wetlands and waterbodies to date factoring in the numerous route alternatives and route variations that have been implemented and incorporated into the Project and that will be described in draft Resource Report 10 of NEXUS’s Pre-Filing submittal to the FERC in June. Species specific habitat assessments are ongoing. Bat surveys were coordinated with the appropriate regulatory agencies and are currently on going. Biological and environmental resource technical leads performed impacts assessments relating to biological resources and contributed to writing draft Resource Reports for the June filing with the FERC.
- ***Cultural Surveys:*** Field surveys for archaeological resources have been completed within a 300-foot-wide study corridor along approximately 68.6 percent of the proposed pipeline route. Survey investigations have also been completed for the proposed compressor station sites, compressor station alternative sites, as well as available access roads. A total of 101 sites have been identified within the Project’s survey corridor and compressor station alternative sites. Ninety-eight of these sites will not be recommended as eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places (“NRHP”). Three sites are potentially NRHP eligible and were recommended for avoidance or further evaluation; NEXUS is presently reviewing alternatives for avoidance to these resources.
- The architectural survey has been completed for all of the Ohio and Michigan segments of the proposed pipeline route, as well as for the proposed aboveground facilities and available access roads. These survey investigations have resulted in the identification of 135 architectural resources in Ohio, and 57 architectural resources in Michigan. Of the 135 architectural resources in Ohio, 37 properties

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are recommended as potentially eligible for listing in the National Register, but should not be adversely affected by the Project. Of the 57 architectural resources in Michigan, two properties are recommended eligible for listing in the National Register, but should not be adversely affected by the Project. The remaining 153 historic architectural/industrial properties are recommended as not eligible for the National Register, and no additional evaluation is recommended. Results of the cultural resource surveys for the NEXUS Project will be provided in draft Resource Report 4.

Engineering Activities

- Performed field verification of structures for class location study
- Drafted and reviewed preliminary permit drawing exhibits for road/rail road crossings
- Completed the class location analysis for interim March 2015 route
- Drafted the Class Location Analysis Report for March 2015 route
- Mainline valve siting study issued for internal team review
- Issued updated Compressor Stations P&IDs with P2 Review comments incorporated
- Prepared preliminary design package for metering stations
- Completed development of metering station plot plans for internal review

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 filed on the docket, that will be filed with the first full set of draft Resource Reports (Resource Reports 1 through 12) planned for filing in June 2015. NEXUS is also responding to comments received from stakeholders during FERC's public scoping meetings (held during the last week of April and first week of May) in a Response to Comments Report that was filed on June 5, 2015.

Agency Communications

NEXUS participated in the FERC's bi-weekly meeting with NEXUS participating/cooperating agencies on May 4 and May 18, 2015. NEXUS has also been in communications with regulatory agencies and is planning to hold update meetings with the Michigan Department of Natural Resources on June 16, 2015; and with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Region 3 Office, on June 26, 2015.

Routing/Facilities Update

During this period, NEXUS continues to evaluate re-routes suggested by individual landowners, ROW agents, and based on environmental, engineering, and construction constraints identified as the Project design progresses. 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. NEXUS will summarize the evaluation of alternatives identified to date in its filing with FERC planned for June 2015.

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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 May 5, 2015, NEXUS representatives attended a FERC Scoping Meeting in Lenawee County (Tecumseh, MI)
- On May 6, 2015, NEXUS representatives attended a FERC Scoping Meeting in Fulton County (Swanton, OH)
- On May 6, 2015, NEXUS representatives toured the Laborers-Employers Cooperation and Education Trust (LECET) Training Facility in Perry, MI
- On May 7, 2015, NEXUS representatives attended a FERC Scoping hearing in Sandusky County (Fremont, OH)
- On May 13, 2015, NEXUS representatives met with Team Northeast Ohio (NEO) to provide a project briefing and answer questions.
- On May 15, 2015, NEXUS representatives met with the Toledo Regional Chamber of Commerce to provide a project briefing and answer questions.
- On May 21, 2015, NEXUS representatives met with the Ohio Manufacturers Association to provide project briefing and answer questions.
- On May 27, 2015 NEXUS representatives met with the Medina Sanitary Sewer District to provide project briefing and answer questions.

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 June 1 through June 30, 2015.

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