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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
Sixth 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 sixth monthly progress report for the Project for the period June 1, 2015 through June 30, 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 June 1, 2015, through June 30, 2015.

Field Surveys¹

Civil Survey

- Approximately 65 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 June of 2015. Approximately 61 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. Species specific habitat assessments are ongoing. Bat surveys were coordinated with the appropriate regulatory agencies and continued through June. Biological and environmental resource technical leads performed impacts assessments relating to biological resources and contributed to writing draft Resource Reports that were filed on June 12, 2015.
- **Cultural Surveys:** Field surveys for archaeological resources have been completed within a 300-foot-wide study corridor along approximately 64.9 percent of the proposed pipeline route through June 2015. 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 132 sites have been identified within the Project’s survey corridor and compressor station alternative sites. A total of 130 of these sites will not be recommended as eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places (“NRHP”). Two 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 are recommended as potentially eligible for listing in the National Register, but should not be

¹ Survey completion percentages may increase or decrease slightly from month to month as a result of adjustments to the route reflecting stakeholder engagement and technical constraints.

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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 were submitted in draft Resource Report 4 of the June 12, 2015 filing with FERC.

Engineering Activities

- Completed P2 Package review for metering stations
- Conducted design and operability reviews for compressor stations and metering stations
- Conducted constructability reviews for all compressor stations using 3D model
- Issued Pre-assembly Plan for review
- Issued Pipeline Valve Spacing Study Report (March alignment)
- Received and reviewing line pipe bids
- Finalized June route change evaluations

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 prepared responses to these initial comments, and others filed on the docket, and provided responses in the draft Resource Reports 1 through 12 filed on June 12, 2015. NEXUS continues to respond to comments received from stakeholders and will incorporate and address comments in the November Certificate Application.

Agency Communications

NEXUS participated in the FERC's bi-weekly meeting with NEXUS participating/cooperating agencies on June 1 and June 15, 2015. NEXUS has also been in communications with regulatory agencies and attended 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. On June 30, 2015, NEXUS staff attended a page turn review of draft Resource Reports 1 through 12 with the FERC staff and third-party consultant Merjent, in Washington D.C.

Routing/Facilities Update

During this period, NEXUS continued to evaluate re-routes suggested by individual landowners and 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 summarized the evaluation of alternatives identified to date in its filing with FERC on June 12, 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 June 9, 2015, NEXUS representatives met with the Sandusky Chamber of Commerce to provide a project update and answer questions.
- On June 10, 2015, NEXUS representatives attended the Canton Regional Chamber of Commerce's Utica Midstream Summit. NEXUS' Director of Business Development, US Transmission was a featured speaker at the event.
- On June 17, 2015, NEXUS representatives met with former State Representative Rex Damschroder in Sandusky County to provide a project update.
- On June 18, 2015, NEXUS representatives met with the Waterville Chamber of Commerce to provide a project update and answer questions.
- On June 25, 2015, NEXUS representatives met with the Superintendent of the Lorain County JVS School to provide a project update and answer questions.

Project Filings and Schedule Update

Project Filings

NEXUS filed its first full set of draft Resource Reports 1 through 12 with the FERC on June 12, 2015.

Summary of NEXUS FERC filings

Date	Submitted by	Content
03/20/15	NEXUS Gas Transmission, LLC	Updated Stakeholder List and Project Update
06/05/15	NEXUS Gas Transmission, LLC	Response to Comments - FERC Scoping Period April 8, 2015 through May 22, 2015
06/12/15	NEXUS Gas Transmission, LLC	NEXUS Draft Resource Reports 1 through 12

Schedule Update

There were no changes to the Project schedule.

Next Monthly Report

The next progress report will cover the period beginning July 1 through July 31, 2015.

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