

**NEXUS GAS TRANSMISSION, LLC**

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September 21, 2015

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  
Eighth 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,<sup>1</sup> NEXUS herewith submits its eighth monthly progress report for the Project for the period August 1, 2015 through August 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)

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<sup>1</sup> 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 August 1, 2015, through August 31, 2015.

## Field Surveys<sup>1</sup>

### *Civil Survey*

- Approximately 89 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 August of 2015. Approximately 83 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 and floristic surveys were completed in August; mussel surveys commenced in August and will be ongoing into September. Rattlesnake survey protocols are being drafted in preparation for surveys to commence in September. Biological and environmental resource technical leads performed impacts assessments where project access is currently pending.
- **Cultural Surveys:** Field surveys for archaeological resources have been completed within a 300-foot-wide study corridor along approximately 82 percent of the proposed pipeline route through August 2015. Survey investigations have also been completed for the proposed compressor station sites, compressor station alternative sites, meter and valve locations, as well as available access roads. A total of 160 sites have been identified within the Project’s survey corridor and compressor station alternative sites. A total of 152 of these sites will not be recommended as eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places (“NRHP”). Four sites are potentially NRHP eligible; NEXUS is presently reviewing alternatives for avoidance for two of these resources. Of the remaining two resources, one of these resource will be avoided through an HDD and one resource will be evaluated during Phase II investigations. Four additional resources are unassessed for NRHP eligibility as they extend into abutting parcels in which the landowners have denied survey permission.
- 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.

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<sup>1</sup> 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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These survey investigations have resulted in the identification of 137 architectural resources in Ohio, and 57 architectural resources in Michigan. Of the 137 architectural resources in Ohio, 39 properties 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 submitted with the Certificate Application in November 2015.

**Engineering Activities**

- Trench plug and slope breaker engineering designs were completed for Project alignment sheets
- Reviewed preliminary siting of eighteen (18) cathodic protection facility alternative locations. Updated site preference to field team for further continuation of surveys
- Prepared eighty-one (81) road crossing and sixteen (16) rail road crossing permit drawings
- Held multi-discipline team Project alignment sheet review workshop
- Reviewed draft Horizontal Directional Drill design report from specialty contractor
- Prepared forty-one (41) Site Specific Residential Crossing Plans

**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.

On July 30, 2015, NEXUS received comments from the FERC's staff on the June 2015 pre-filing drafts of Resource Reports 1 through 8 and 10 and attended a conference call with FERC staff on August 13, 2015 to discuss comments and ensure the intent of the comments were understood by NEXUS. NEXUS is working on responding to these FERC comments, as well as those received from stakeholders, and will incorporate and address comments in the November Certificate Application.

**Agency Communications**

NEXUS participated in the FERC's bi-weekly meetings with NEXUS participating/cooperating agencies on August 10, 2015 and August 24, 2015. NEXUS also attended an update meeting with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Buffalo District staff, on August 13, 2015 to discuss the current status of the Project and filing strategy for permit applications. NEXUS has also been in communications with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Ohio Department of Natural Resources, and Michigan Department of Natural Resources regarding survey protocols for ongoing environmental surveys.

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**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 will be summarizing the evaluation of these alternatives in its Certificate Application planned for filing in November 2015.

**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 August 3, 2015, NEXUS representatives attended the Rice Township Trustee Meeting to brief the trustees and answer questions.
- On August 4, 2015, NEXUS representatives met with the Sandusky County Chamber of Commerce to give a project update.
- On August 5, 2015, NEXUS representatives met with the Knight Foundation in Summit County to give a project update.
- On August 6, 2015, NEXUS representatives met with the Medina Economic Development Corporation to give a project update.
- On August 13, 2015, NEXUS representatives met with the Wayne County Economic Development Corporation to give a project update.
- On August 14, 2015, NEXUS representatives met with the Ohio Energy Resource Alliance to give a project update.
- On August 14, 2015, NEXUS representatives met with Stark Development Board to give a project update.
- On August 26, 2015, NEXUS representative met with US Senators Rob Portman and Sherrod Brown 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.

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*Summary of NEXUS FERC filings*

<b>Date</b>	<b>Submitted by</b>	<b>Content</b>
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
08/28/15	NEXUS Gas Transmission, LLC	Response to the Comments Submitted by the Office of the Mayor of the City of Green, Ohio dated July 24, 2015 and August 17, 2015

*Schedule Update*

There were no changes to the Project schedule.

**Next Monthly Report**

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