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February 12, 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
First 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 first monthly progress report for the Project for the period January 9, 2015 through January 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 since project inception since this is the first monthly report and during the period beginning January 9, 2015, through January 31, 2015.

Field Surveys

Civil Survey

- NEXUS commenced civil surveys in the fall of 2014 and as of January 31, 2015, approximately 75 percent (185.38 miles) of the total Project route has been field (civil) surveyed. NEXUS is awaiting favorable field survey conditions and is in the process of obtaining survey permission for the remaining 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.
- **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 53 percent (115.2 miles) of identification-level cultural resource field investigations have been completed for the NEXUS Project.

Resource Reports

- Initial Resource Reports 1 and 10 were filed with the Commission on January 23, 2015.

Agency Communications

NEXUS initiated communications with regulatory agencies and tribes relevant to the Project area in the fall of 2014. These communications were summarized in NEXUS’ Resource Report 1 filed with the Commission on January 23, 2015. Below is a list of introductory meetings with regulatory agencies held to date for NEXUS:

USFWS, Columbus Ohio Field Office	October 7, 2014
Michigan State Historic Preservation Office	October 8, 2014
Ohio Department of Natural Resources	October 14, 2014
Ohio State Historic Preservation Office	October 16, 2014
Michigan Department of Natural Resources	November 3, 2014
USFWS Michigan Field Office	November 12, 2014
Ohio Environmental Protection Agency	December 17, 2014

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U.S. Army Corps of Engineers; Buffalo, Huntington, Pittsburg Districts and Michigan Department of Environmental Quality	January 14, 2015
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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 (including a route change on property owned by Ohio Department of Natural Resources staff.)

Stakeholder Activities

NEXUS continues to work with stakeholders, including landowners, government agencies and community leaders to refine and provide updates regarding the NEXUS Project. NEXUS has established a toll free number that is staffed during regular business hours and allows for recording of voicemail messages outside of regular business hours with the goal of returning stakeholder calls within 48 hours.

In addition, the following stakeholder meetings were conducted during this reporting period:

- On January 21, 2015, NEXUS representatives attended a meeting with the Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners. At this meeting, the Project team briefed county board of commissioners on the scope of the project.
- From January 26 to 28, 2015, NEXUS representatives attended meetings with Columbiana, Stark, Summit, Medina, Lorain, Wood and Lucas County Public Officials. At these meeting NEXUS representatives presented a project overview and discussed how the project would impact each respective county. Both physical and economic impacts were discussed.
- NEXUS representatives attended the 2015 Ohio Township Association Winter Conference from January 28, 2015 to January 30, 2015. At the conference NEXUS representatives provided information about the project and answered questions from attendees.
- NEXUS conducted four refresher training courses with Right-of-Way agents. The training focused on safety and our commitment to landowners.

Open Houses

Open House announcements were communicated to stakeholders, including landowners, government officials, federal and state agencies and environmental non-governmental organizations on or before January 26, 2015.

Project Filings and Schedule Update

Project Filings

Date	Submitted by	Content
01/23/15	NEXUS Gas Transmission, LLC	Draft Resource Reports 1 and 10 filed with FERC

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Schedule Update

There are no changes to the Project schedule.

Next Monthly Report

The next progress report will cover the period beginning February 1, 2015 through February 28, 2015.