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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
Seventh 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 seventh monthly progress report for the Project for the period July 1, 2015 through July 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 July 1, 2015, through July 31, 2015.

Field Surveys¹

Civil Survey

- Approximately 81 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 July of 2015. Approximately 79 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 July and will continue into August. 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 77 percent of the proposed pipeline route through July 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 146 sites have been identified within the Project’s survey corridor and compressor station alternative sites. A total of 143 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 for one of these resources. One resource will be avoided through an HDD and one resource will be evaluated during Phase II investigations.

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 137 architectural resources in Ohio, and 57 architectural resources in Michigan. Of the 137 architectural resources in Ohio, 39 properties

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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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

- Completed Pipeline P2 Package Review
- Finalized Engineering Review and Implementation of Numerous Route Changes
- Reviewed eighteen (18) alternative sites for cathodic protection and updated site preference
- Executed Horizontal Directional Drilling (HDD) consultant contract and held technical kickoff meeting. HDD subcontractor completed site investigations at all 16 HDD sites
- Froze pipeline route design for November 2015 Certificate Application
- Updated Class Location Analysis

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. 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 meeting with NEXUS participating/cooperating agencies on July 13, 2015 and July 27, 2015. NEXUS has also been in communications with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and is planning an update meeting for early August 2015. 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.

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

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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 July 7, 2015 NEXUS representatives met with the Medina Economic Development Corporation to give a project update.
- On July 8, 2015 NEXUS representatives met with Fulton County elected officials to provide a project update and answer questions.
- Also on July 8, 2015 NEXUS representatives met with the Ohio Farm Bureau and Land Stewards LLC to discuss the NEXUS drain tile program.
- On July 15, 2015 NEXUS representatives had a follow-up meeting with Land Stewards LLC to discuss drain tile mitigation.
- On July 16, 2015 NEXUS representatives met with Wayne County officials to provide a project update and answer questions.
- On July 22, 2015 NEXUS representatives met with two business owners in Columbiana County to give a project update and answer questions.
- On July 23, 2015 NEXUS representatives met with Waterville Townships officials to provide information regarding compressor stations and answer questions.
- Also on July 23, 2015 NEXUS representatives met with Owens Community College to give a project update and answer questions.
- On July 24, 2015 NEXUS representatives met with the Wayne County Economic Development Council to provide a project update to answer questions.
- Also on July 24, 2015 NEXUS representatives met with the Mayor of Doylestown to give 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

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 August 1 through August 31, 2015.