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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
Tenth 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 tenth monthly progress report for the Project for the period October 1, 2015 through October 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 October 1, 2015, through October 31, 2015.

Field Surveys¹

Civil Survey

- Approximately 93 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 September of 2015. Approximately 92 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 were concluded on October 1. Rattlesnake surveys were conducted October and will continue for the spring emergence in 2016. 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 91 percent of the proposed pipeline route through October 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 168 sites have been identified within the Project’s survey corridor and compressor station alternative sites. A total of 157 of these sites will not be recommended as eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places (“NRHP”). Eight sites are potentially NRHP eligible; NEXUS is presently reviewing alternatives for avoidance for three of these resources; another three resources will be avoided and preserved in place through an HDD; one of the resources will be avoided and preserved in place by a reduced workspace; and one resource will be evaluated during Phase II investigations. Three 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.

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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These survey investigations have resulted in the identification of 127 architectural resources in Ohio, and 64 architectural resources in Michigan. Of the 127 architectural resources in Ohio, two properties are already listed on the National Register, three properties have been recommended eligible for listing in the National Register, and 33 properties are recommended as potentially eligible for listing in the National Register. None of these properties should be adversely affected by the Project. One property has not yet been assessed for the National Register, and the remaining 88 historic architectural/industrial properties are recommended as not eligible for the National Register, and no additional evaluation is recommended. Of the 64 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 62 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

- Issued Metering Station (MR05) Process and Instrumentation Diagrams (P&ID) Issued for Design
- Completed MR05 P&IDs Issued for Design
- Continued early detail engineering activities
- Commenced detail engineering Pipeline Alignments development
- Updated Hydro-test Sections Analysis
- Finalized Stress Analysis Report for review
- Issued Pipeline High Consequence Area (HCA) Analysis Report
- Drafted three hundred fifty-five (355) road crossings and twenty-seven (27) rail road crossing permit drawings
- Finalized Residential Plan drawings
- Finalized Pipeline Construction Right of Way typicals

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 was understood by NEXUS. NEXUS also attended a conference call with FERC staff on September 16, 2015 and received comments on NEXUS draft Resource Reports 9 and 11. 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.

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Agency Communications

NEXUS participated in the FERC's bi-weekly meetings with NEXUS participating/cooperating agencies on October 5, 2015 and October 19, 2015. NEXUS also attended update meetings with the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality on October 12th, the Ohio Department of Agriculture on October 15th, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Pittsburgh District, on October 20th, and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service on October 29th.

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 October 2, 2015, NEXUS representatives met with the Akron Canton Airport and the City of Green.
- On October 3, 2015, NEXUS representatives met with the City of Doylestown to provide a project update.
- On October 6, 2015, NEXUS representatives met with the newest Wood County Commissioner to provide a project overview and answer questions.
- On October 6, 2015, NEXUS representatives met with the Sandusky Chamber Legislative Committee to provide a project update and answer questions.
- On October 8, 2015, NEXUS representatives met with the Damage Prevention Council of Northwest Ohio to provide a project overview and discuss safe digging and excavation.
- On October 20, 2015, NEXUS representatives met with the Stark State College Oil and Gas Advisory Council.
- On October 22, 2015, NEXUS representatives met with RACER Trust to provide a project update and answer questions.
- On October 26, 2015, NEXUS representatives met with the Fremont Rotary Club to provide a project overview and answer questions.
- On October 27, 2015, NEXUS representatives led a tour of a compressor station for Waterville Township Trustees and answered questions.

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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
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

This will be the final monthly report filed during the FERC's pre-filing process.