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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
Ninth 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 ninth monthly progress report for the Project for the period September 1, 2015 through September 30, 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 during the period beginning September 1, 2015, through September 30, 2015.

Field Surveys¹

Civil Survey

- Approximately 92 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 88 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 performed in August and continued through September. Rattlesnake survey protocols were drafted in preparation for surveys to commence in October. 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 85 percent of the proposed pipeline route through September 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 164 sites have been identified within the Project’s survey corridor and compressor station alternative sites. A total of 155 of these sites will not be recommended as eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places (“NRHP”). Six sites are potentially NRHP eligible. NEXUS is presently reviewing alternatives for avoidance for four of these resources; of the remaining two resources, one of these resources will be avoided through an HDD 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 153 architectural resources in Ohio, and 57 architectural resources in Michigan. Of the 153 architectural resources in Ohio, five properties have been determined eligible for listing in the National Register and 35 properties are recommended as potentially eligible for listing in the National Register. None of these properties should be adversely affected by the Project. Two properties have not yet been assessed for the National Register, and the remaining 111 historic architectural/industrial properties are recommended as not eligible for the National Register, and no additional evaluation is recommended. 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. Results of the cultural resource surveys for the NEXUS Project will be submitted with the Certificate Application in November 2015.

Engineering Activities

- Performed a 3D Model Review of proposed compressor and metering and regulation stations
- Prepared an Optimization Study for Compressor Stations Buildings
- Prepared road crossing and rail road crossing permit drawings
- Issued Project alignment sheets for November Certificate Application filing
- Prepared final draft Horizontal Directional Drill design report
- Prepared Site Specific Residential Crossing Plans
- Finalized Pipeline Stress Analysis Report
- Prepared figures and mapping in support of November Certificate Application

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.

Agency Communications

NEXUS participated in the FERC's bi-weekly meetings with NEXUS participating/cooperating agencies on September 7, 2015 and September 21, 2015. NEXUS also attended an update meeting with the Ohio Department of Natural Resources and Ohio Environmental Protection Agency on September 25, 2015. NEXUS has also been in communications with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service 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 September 8, 2015, NEXUS representatives met with the Greater Medina Chamber to provide a project update and answer questions.
- On September 9, 2015, NEXUS representatives met with the Ohio Nature Conservancy to provide a project update and answer questions.
- On September 10, 2015, NEXUS representatives provided a project overview at the Ohio Gas Association's Market Conditions conference.
- On September 10, 2015, NEXUS representatives met with the Medina County Economic Development Corporation to provide an update and answer questions.
- On September 23, 2015, NEXUS representatives met with the Mayor of the City of Green and several city officials to provide a project update and discuss routing concerns.
- On September 24, 2015, NEXUS representatives provided a project overview to the Waterville Chamber of Commerce.
- On September 24, 2015, NEXUS representatives provided a project update to the Appalachian Partnership for Economic Growth.

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

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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
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Schedule Update

There were no changes to the Project schedule.

Next Monthly Report

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