

March 27, 2015

Owner(s)
Owner Mailing Address
City, State Zip code

RE: Northern Access 2016 Project
Empire Pipeline, Inc. and National Fuel Gas Supply Corporation
McKean County, Pennsylvania
Allegany, Cattaraugus, Erie and Niagara Counties, New York

Dear Landowner(s):

On March 17, 2015, Empire Pipeline, Inc. ("Empire") and National Fuel Gas Supply Corporation ("Supply") (collectively known as "National Fuel") jointly filed an application with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission ("FERC") at Docket No. CP15-115 for authorization to construct and operate the following natural gas facilities:

- Construction of approximately 96.65 miles of 24-inch-diameter pipeline , commencing in Sergeant Township, McKean County, Pennsylvania, proceeding through Allegany and Cattaraugus Counties, New York, and terminating at Supply's existing 24 inch diameter Line X-North in the Town of Elma, Erie County, New York;
- Construction of interconnection facilities at (1) the existing Clermont gathering system (McKean County, Pennsylvania), (2) the Hinsdale Compressor Station (Cattaraugus County, New York), (3) X-North Pipeline (Erie County, New York), and (4) Tennessee Gas Pipeline's existing 200 Line located in the Town of Wales, Erie County, New York,
- Addition of approximately 4,740 horsepower of compression at Supply's existing Porterville Compressor Station, located on Hemstreet Road in the Town of Elma, New York ;
- Replacement of approximately 3.05 miles of existing 16-inch National Fuel pipeline with new 24" pipeline in the Towns of Wheatfield and Pendleton, Niagara County, New York;
- Construction of a 21,830 horsepower compressor station in the Town of Pendleton, Niagara County, New York; and
- Construction of a natural gas dehydration facility in the Town of Wheatfield, Niagara County, New York;

In its entirety, this project will be known as the Northern Access 2016 Project ("Project"). A map, indicating the proposed pipeline route and proposed locations of the related facilities is enclosed. Please note that this map is only intended to show the approximate location of the facilities. A copy of this FERC application may be viewed at any of the libraries identified on the enclosed listing.

In accordance with FERC regulations, this letter and the enclosed materials provide notification of National Fuel's filing to the landowners in the Project area, including those who will be directly affected by the Project, those whose property abuts the proposed pipeline right of way or interconnection facilities, and those whose property is located within ½ mile of the new compressor locations. In addition, FERC regulations require that we provide you with the enclosed information regarding the Northern Access 2016 Project.

The Project will enable National Fuel to provide approximately 497,000 Dth/day of incremental firm transportation to growing market demand in the northeastern United States and Canada through Supply and Empire's existing interconnections. More detailed information is available on the project website, <http://www.natfuel.com/supply/NorthernAccess2016>.

In areas where new pipeline will be constructed, National Fuel will need to acquire new rights of way prior to construction of the Pipeline. A right of way is an agreement by which a property owner grants permission to National Fuel to use a portion of their property to install, operate and maintain the Pipeline. Right of way compensation will be determined by the current land values established by recent sales of similar properties in the area. If you are a landowner with property located directly along the pipeline route, a representative of National Fuel will contact you to discuss this matter at a later time.

Enclosed for your reference is FERC's pamphlet "An Interstate Natural Gas Facility On My Land? What Do I Need To Know?" which provides information about the FERC's certificate, or approval, process. A summary of landowner rights at FERC and under eminent domain laws is also attached. The procedures for filing for intervenor status are outlined in the attached information sheet "How to Intervene in Commission Proceedings." Timely motions to intervene for this project are due to FERC on or before April 17, 2015 (see attached "Notice of Application").

Supply and Empire utilize its natural gas pipeline facilities in western and central New York to transport natural gas for customers in all segments of the gas industry. Supply has decades of experience in operating a transmission system consisting of more than 2,877 miles of natural gas pipelines and associated facilities. Both Empire and Supply are subsidiaries of National Fuel Gas Company, and affiliates of National Fuel Gas Distribution Company (a utility that provides retail natural gas service to more than 733,000 customers in western New York and northwestern Pennsylvania).

If you have any questions about this project, please call me at 1-800-634-5440 extension 7861. You may also refer to the project's website at <http://www.natfuel.com/supply/NorthernAccess2016>, or contact me via e-mail at ciraoloe@natfuel.com. I am confident that we can answer any questions or resolve any concerns that you may have.

Very truly yours,



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Enclosures

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION

National Fuel Gas Supply Corporation
Empire Pipeline, Inc.

Docket Nos. CP15-115-000
PF14-18-000

NOTICE OF APPLICATION

(March 27, 2015)

Take notice that on March 17, 2015, National Fuel Gas Supply Corporation (National Fuel) and Empire Pipeline, Inc. (Empire) (collectively, Applicants) 6363 Main Street, Williamsville, New York 14221, filed an application pursuant to sections 7(b) and 7(c) of the Natural Gas Act (NGA) and Part 157 of the Commission's Regulations, for a certificate of public convenience and necessity to construct and operate the Northern Access 2016 Project (the Project), and authorization to abandon and acquire certain related facilities. The Project will be located in McKean County, Pennsylvania and Alleghany, Cattaraugus, Erie and Niagara Counties, New York. The filing may be viewed on the web at <http://www.ferc.gov> using the "eLibrary" link. Enter the docket number excluding the last three digits in the docket number field to access the document. For assistance, contact FERC at FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov or call toll-free, (886) 208-3676 or TYY, (202) 502-8659.

Any questions regarding this application should be directed to Kenneth E. Webster, Attorney for National Fuel and Empire, 6363 Main Street, Williamsville, New York 14221, or call at (716) 857-7067.

Specifically, National Fuel requests authorization: (i) to construct 96.65 miles of 24-inch diameter pipeline; (ii) to add 5,350 horsepower (hp) of compression at the Porterville, New York compressor station; (iii) to construct an interconnect meter and regulation (M&R) station with Tennessee Gas Pipeline Company, L.L.C.'s 200 Line; (iv) to construct an M&R station and tie-in in Hinsdale, New York; (v) to construct an interconnection with NFG Midstream Clermont, L.L.C.; (vi) to modify an existing tie-in; (vii) to construct a pressure reduction station; (viii) to abandon, via sale to Empire, all 3.09 miles of National Fuel's existing Line XM-10 pipeline and certain other existing facilities; (ix) to charge an initial incremental firm recourse rate for the Project; and (x) for a limited waiver of General Terms and Conditions Section 31.1 of National Fuel's tariff to permit the Project's Foundation Shipper to shift its primary delivery point for a portion of the Project's incremental capacity more than ninety days after its initial request. National Fuel proposes to provide 497,000 dekatherms per day of new firm natural gas transportation capacity.

Empire requests authorization to: (i) construct a new 22,214 hp compressor station in Pendleton, New York; (ii) construct 3.05 miles of 24-inch pipeline, replacing 3.05 miles of existing National Fuel 16-inch XM-10 pipeline; (iii) construct a new dehydration facility; (iv) modify two existing tie-ins; and (v) acquire from National Fuel the aforementioned 3.09 miles of Line XM-10. Empire proposes to provide 350,000 dekatherms per day of new firm natural gas transportation capacity.

The total cost of the Project would be approximately \$376,670,388 (National Fuel) and \$74,348,362 (Empire).

On July 24, 2014, the Commission staff granted the Applicants' request to use the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) Pre-Filing Process and assigned Docket No. PF14-18-000 to staff activities involving the proposed facilities. Now, as of the filing of this application on March 17, 2015, the NEPA Pre-Filing Process for this project has ended. From this time forward, this proceeding will be conducted in Docket No. CP15-115-000, as noted in the caption of this Notice.

Pursuant to section 157.9 of the Commission's rules, 18 CFR 157.9, within 90 days of this Notice the Commission staff will either: complete its environmental assessment (EA) and place it into the Commission's public record (eLibrary) for this proceeding, or issue a Notice of Schedule for Environmental Review. If a Notice of Schedule for Environmental Review is issued, it will indicate, among other milestones, the anticipated date for the Commission staff's issuance of the final environmental impact statement (FEIS) or EA for this proposal. The filing of the EA in the Commission's public record for this proceeding or the issuance of a Notice of Schedule will serve to notify federal and state agencies of the timing for the completion of all necessary reviews, and the subsequent need to complete all federal authorizations within 90 days of the date of issuance of the Commission staff's FEIS or EA.

There are two ways to become involved in the Commission's review of this project. First, any person wishing to obtain legal status by becoming a party to the proceedings for this project should, on or before the comment date stated below, file with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE, Washington, DC 20426, a motion to intervene in accordance with the requirements of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.214 or 385.211) and the Regulations under the NGA (18 CFR 157.10). A person obtaining party status will be placed on the service list maintained by the Secretary of the Commission and will receive copies of all documents filed by the applicant and by all other parties. A party must submit 5 copies of filings made with the Commission and must mail a copy to the applicant and to every other party in the proceeding. Only parties to the proceeding can ask for court review of Commission orders in the proceeding.

However, a person does not have to intervene in order to have comments considered. The second way to participate is by filing with the Secretary of the Commission, as soon as possible, an original and two copies of comments in support of or in opposition to this project. The Commission will consider these comments in determining the appropriate action to be taken, but the filing of a comment alone will not serve to make the filer a party to the proceeding. The Commission's rules require that persons filing comments in opposition to the project provide copies of their protests only to the party or parties directly involved in the protest.

Persons who wish to comment only on the environmental review of this project should submit an original and two copies of their comments to the Secretary of the Commission. Environmental commenters will be placed on the Commission's environmental mailing list, will receive copies of the environmental documents, and will be notified of meetings associated with the Commission's environmental review process. Environmental commenters will not be required to serve copies of filed documents on all other parties. However, the non-party commenters will not receive copies of all documents filed by other parties or issued by the Commission (except for the mailing of environmental documents issued by the Commission) and will not have the right to seek court review of the Commission's final order.

Motions to intervene, protests and comments may be filed electronically via the internet in lieu of paper; see, 18 CFR 385.2001(a) (1) (iii) and the instructions on the Commission's web site under the "e-Filing" link. The Commission strongly encourages electronic filings.

Comment Date: April 17, 2015.

Kimberly D. Bose,
Secretary.