

We are committed to providing landowners and interested citizens accurate and timely information about the proposed NEXUS Gas Transmission pipeline project (NEXUS Project). In addition to the many ways we already communicate with the public, we are providing a newsletter to help keep you informed. Through these newsletters, we look forward to providing information regarding the company’s safety practices; the importance of energy infrastructure; the reason and need for the proposed project; and the processes in place governing easement acquisition, certification, construction, operation and maintenance of our facilities. We hope that you find the information helpful and share it with your friends and neighbors who may also be interested in this Project.

Since our last newsletter, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) issued a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) as a part of its formal environmental review of the NEXUS Project. FERC’s DEIS found the potential environmental impacts of the Project’s proposed route acceptable if normal mitigation measures are adopted. The issuance of the favorable DEIS is a significant milestone for the project, keeping the Project on target to be in service by November 2017. You can read more about the DEIS in this issue, and you can access the entire filing at [www.nexusgastransmission.com/DEIS](http://www.nexusgastransmission.com/DEIS) or on FERC’s website at [www.ferc.gov](http://www.ferc.gov) using docket number CP16-22-000.

## What’s Next?

- In the DEIS, FERC recommended adopting two minor route variations, - “Chippewa Lake C Route Variation” and “Reserve Avenue Route Variation” - which the Project is currently evaluating.
- The Project will continue to seek review from numerous other federal and state agencies, including the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, state departments of environmental protection, as well as other state and local agencies.
- FERC will continue to evaluate all potential environmental impacts, as well as the Project’s plans to address and minimize these impacts.
- We anticipate that FERC will issue the Final Environmental Impact Statement by November 30, 2016.
- Through the ongoing formal review, FERC will determine if the Project will be issued a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity.
- We anticipate the FERC Certificate in the first quarter of 2017 which keeps the Project on target to be in service by November 2017.
- There will continue to be multiple opportunities throughout the FERC permitting process and the permitting processes of other federal and state agencies that will allow interested stakeholders to comment on the Project.

## NEXUS Project Overview

**Proposal:** Approximately 255 miles of new “greenfield” natural gas pipeline

**Location:** Ohio & Michigan

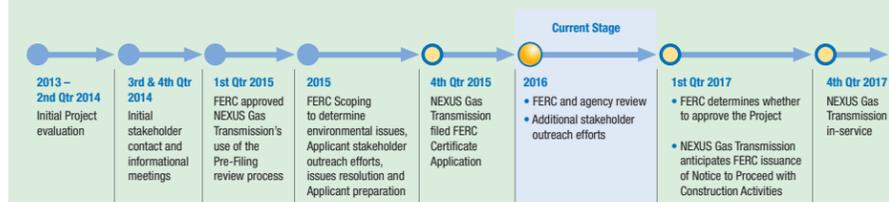
**Capacity:** 1.5 billion cubic feet per day (Bcf/d)

**Project Partners:** DTE Energy & Spectra Energy

**Targeted completion:** Fourth Quarter 2017

**FERC Docket Number:** CP16-22-000

**Landowner Hotline:** 1.844.589.3655



## NEXUS Project Gives Economic Boost to Ohio & Michigan

The Project will have a significant positive economic impact on communities, businesses and workers throughout Ohio and Michigan.

In June 2016, Public Finance Resources conducted a study to produce preliminary tax estimates based on the scope of the Project at the time of the study. Public Finance Resources is a Columbus, Ohio-based firm that assists local government organizations such as school districts, townships, villages, cities and counties with their financial forecasting needs.

The study found that in its first five years of operation, the Project will generate an estimated cumulative tax revenue of \$412 million dollars, of which approximately \$125 million will go directly to local school districts in Ohio and Michigan. In addition to benefiting schools along the route, the increase in tax revenue will also allow counties to make important investments in other key priority areas of local government such as roads and public safety.

### NEXUS by the Numbers



OHIO



5,325  
JOBS



\$565  
MILLION  
IN WAGES



\$390  
MILLION  
LOCAL TAX  
REVENUES\*



\$116  
MILLION  
TO LOCAL  
SCHOOL DISTRICTS\*

\* Estimated Cumulative Tax Revenue of the First Five Years



MICHIGAN



1,533  
JOBS



\$97  
MILLION  
IN WAGES



\$22  
MILLION  
LOCAL TAX  
REVENUES\*



\$9.8  
MILLION  
TO LOCAL  
SCHOOL DISTRICTS\*

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To locate a breakdown of projected revenues to your school and local districts, please visit [www.nexusgastransmission.com/economics](http://www.nexusgastransmission.com/economics) and view the Ohio and Michigan tax studies.

Sources: Public Finance Resources, Inc. Estimated Ohio Property Tax Revenue for NEXUS Gas Transmission Pipeline, June 2016.

Public Finance Resources, Inc. Estimated Michigan Property Tax Revenue for NEXUS Gas Transmission Pipeline, June 2016.

Economic & Policy Resources. Revised Economic Impact Analysis of the Spectra Energy NEXUS Pipeline Project, May 2015.

Land Policy Institute and Center for Economic Analysis, Michigan State University. Economic Impacts of the NEXUS Gas Transmission Project in Michigan, April 2015.

NEXUS Gas Transmission LLC, Draft Resource Report 1 – General Project Description, June 2015.



## Farm Service Agency Programs: Keeping You Informed

We understand that the Project will cross properties that are currently enrolled in programs administered by the U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Farm Service Agency (FSA). We also understand that enrollment in FSA programs is based on confidential individual landowner agreements. Because of this confidentiality, we encourage landowners – with property that will be crossed by the proposed Project and currently enrolled in an FSA program – to contact their local FSA representatives to discuss the proposed Project, the conditions of their individual agreements, and continued eligibility. We will work with landowners and USDA officials to identify requirements that support landowners' continued participation in

the subject programs. Contact information for USDA county FSA offices in Ohio and Michigan can be found at the following link by clicking on the state (Ohio or Michigan) and then the respective county icon: <http://offices.sc.egov.usda.gov/locator/app>. More information is available on the USDA's website: [http://www.fsa.usda.gov/Assets/USDA-FSA-Public/usdafiles/FactSheets/2016/farm\\_service\\_agency\\_programs.pdf](http://www.fsa.usda.gov/Assets/USDA-FSA-Public/usdafiles/FactSheets/2016/farm_service_agency_programs.pdf).

Landowners or their FSA representatives may also call the NEXUS Landowner Hotline at 1.844.589.3655 if they, have questions.

## Project Milestones

### Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) Finds Route Acceptable

On July 8, 2016, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) issued a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) as a part of its formal environmental review of the NEXUS Project. FERC's DEIS found the potential environmental impacts of the Project's proposed route acceptable.

FERC also notified landowners along the City of Green Alternative route and requested further information and public comments regarding both routes. Overall, the DEIS is favorable for the NEXUS Project, finding no significant impact if normal mitigation measures are adopted.

We anticipate FERC will issue the Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) by November 30, 2016, and the FERC Certificate in the first quarter of 2017. The issuance of the favorable DEIS accomplishes another

major milestone and keeps the Project on target for a November 2017 in-service date.

### FERC Public Comment Meetings

In conjunction with the issuance of the DEIS, FERC also held six public comment meetings along the route in order to receive comments on the DEIS. The public comment meetings were an anticipated and welcome part of the Project that allowed interested stakeholders opportunities to comment on the DEIS.

While FERC requested that anyone wishing to provide public comments on the DEIS file them with the Commission on or before August 29, 2016, the docket remains open to anyone who may be interested in filing comments on the Project. The FERC process allows interested stakeholders multiple opportunities to comment on the proposed pipeline project and we encourage all interested persons to participate.