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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 seek to provide 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, operations, 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 Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) for the NEXUS Project. The issuance of the FEIS on November 30, 2016 is another

timely, major project milestone that keeps NEXUS on track to receive its Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity. The FEIS largely adopts NEXUS' proposed route, eliminated from consideration certain alternate routes proposed by other parties, and concludes that while the Project will temporarily affect the environment, the impacts would be less than significant in light of the Project's proposed mitigation and other mitigation measures recommended by FERC staff. You can read more about the FEIS in this issue, and you can access the entire filing at www.nexusgastransmission.com/FEIS or on FERC's website at www.ferc.gov using docket number CP16-22-000.

### **NEXUS FEIS – Key Findings**

 In the Draft Environmental Impact Statement issued in July 2016, FERC recommended adopting two minor route variations, "Chippewa Lake C Route Variation" and "Reserve Avenue Route Variation."

Update: The FEIS accepted NEXUS' optimized Chippewa Lake D minor route variation and declined to adopt the Reserve Avenue Route Variation after consideration of constructability concerns raised by NEXUS.

- The FEIS analyzed a number of route variations suggested by third parties such as the City of Green and determined that none of them offer significant environmental advantages over NEXUS' proposed route. As a result, the FEIS declines to incorporate any third-party route variations.
- The FEIS does not find any evidence that property values would diminish as a result of a pipeline.
- With regard to the Waterville compressor station, the FEIS concludes that the station would not result in any significant impact to air quality, the site would provide adequate visual screening from public view, and would result in noise levels that are in compliance with FERC standards.
- The FEIS notes that construction of NEXUS would benefit both state and local economies via workforce, local purchases of construction-related materials, and taxes.
- The FEIS concludes that while construction will temporarily affect the environment, there would be no significant impacts in light of mitigation.

#### **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) Targeted Completion: Fourth Quarter 2017 FERC Docket Number: CP16-22-000 Landowner Hotline: 1-844-589-3655

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2013 – 2nd Qtr 2014 Initial Project evaluation	3rd & 4th Qtr 2014 Initial stakeholder contact and informational meetings	1st Qtr 2015 FERC approved NEXUS Gas Transmission's use of the Pre-Filing review process	2015 FERC Scoping to determine environmental issues, Applicant stakeholder outreach efforts, issues resolution and Applicant preparation	4th Qtr 2015 NEXUS Gas Transmission filed FERC Certificate Application	2016 • FERC review • Addition outreat

## **Community Briefing** Issue 3: Project Update

#### The NEXUS team is committed to providing landowners and interested citizens with accurate and timely information about the proposed NEXUS Gas Transmission pipeline project (NEXUS or Project).



### **NEXUS Seeks Local Suppliers**

Wherever possible, NEXUS is committed to using local vendors. Like any large-scale infrastructure project, NEXUS will purchase a significant amount of goods and services from local businesses across the region. Whether it is transportation and construction companies or equipment and maintenance businesses, utilizing local goods and services will provide a major boost to these companies, their employees, and the local economies.

Vendor registration is available at www.nexusgastransmission.com/vendor.

### **NEXUS Signs Agreement with Columbia Gas of Ohio**

On September 9, 2016, NEXUS and Columbia Gas of Ohio, Inc. (Columbia Gas) entered into a binding agreement for firm transportation capacity. Due to the strategic routing and design of the Project, NEXUS will be able to provide Columbia Gas with access to affordable supplies of natural gas that will support their ability to meet the growing demand of their customers in Medina, Sandusky and other Ohio counties.

### **NEXUS Provides Access to Markets in Ohio & Michigan**

In Ohio, NEXUS has signed 13 market connection agreements with local distribution companies (LDCs). industrial facilities and power generators. NEXUS will also access various markets in Michigan by utilizing capacity on the existing DTE Gas and Vector pipeline systems. The construction of NEXUS will allow for the ongoing conversion from coal to clean burning natural gas for electric generation which is a critical initiative for many Midwest utilities.





## **Project Milestones**

#### Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) **Recommends Approval of NEXUS Project**

FERC staff issued its Final Environmental impact statement on November 30, 2016. The FEIS is the culmination of over two years of extensive review undertaken by FERC and NEXUS. NEXUS has been evaluating proposed routes, design and construction methods and potential impacts on community members and the environment since August 2014. During project planning, NEXUS incorporated many route alternatives and variations into its original route.

#### Pending Certificate Application

With the issuance of the FEIS, the Project moves to the next milestone in the regulatory process which is the FERC Commissioners' decision to issue the Certificate. Following the issuance of the Certificate and necessary approvals, NEXUS will then begin constructing the Project facilities. NEXUS would like to resolve any outstanding easement matters with affected landowners prior to the issuance of the Certificate. Therefore, easement negotiations will

Altogether, NEXUS adopted 239 route changes totaling about 231 miles or 91 percent of the pipeline route for various reasons, including landowner requests, avoidance of sensitive resources, or engineering considerations. Furthermore, FERC evaluated 15 major route alternatives to the proposed pipeline route, which included three versions of the City of Green Route Alternative. The FEIS finds NEXUS's proposed route acceptable and finds that no proposed alternatives provide significant environmental advantage over NEXUS's proposed route.

continue so that the parties are not constrained in their ability to reach an amicable agreement.

NEXUS will continue to work with landowners regarding their concerns and address any questions with the goal of arriving at a mutually satisfactory easement agreement. For additional information about reaching a resolution on outstanding easement matters, please contact the Project's toll-free hotline at 1-844-589-3655.