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BEFORE THE

FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION

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IN THE MATTER OF: :

LINE N PROJECTS : Docket Number

: PF10-1-000

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Graysville Elementary
1029 West Roy Furman Highway
Graysville, PA 15337

Wednesday, March 3, 2010

The above-entitled matter came on for scoping
meeting, pursuant to notice, at 6:00 p.m., Eric J. Tomasi,
Environmental Engineer, moderator.

1 PROCEEDINGS

2 MR. TOMASI: I want to thank everyone for coming
3 tonight. My name is Eric Tomasi, and I'm the Environmental
4 Project Manager for the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
5 and we're the lead federal agency looking at this particular
6 project.

7 This project is the Line N project and it is
8 proposed by National Fuel Gas Supply Corporation and the
9 docket number for this project is PF10-1. Now the purpose of
10 tonight's meeting is to provide each of you with the
11 opportunity to go ahead and give us comments and
12 specifically environmental comments, on the proposed project
13 and tell us the issues that you believe should be addressed
14 in the Environmental Assessment.

15 Now your input to me and to FERC is really
16 critical to the success of this document, in that we
17 actually address the issues that concern you. Right now
18 we're in the pre-filing phase of the project and what that
19 means is that this is an early step in the environmental
20 review process. I also want you to understand that while
21 we're going through the environmental review process, there
22 are other analysis that's being done at FERC. So the
23 environmental review is only one portion of the analysis
24 that we do here at FERC.

25 Now most of you have received this document right

1 here, at least I hope you have. This is the public notice of
2 intent to publish an environmental assessment. This was
3 issued on February 18 of this year, and technically the
4 thirty-day comment period will end on March 22nd. Now this
5 is the official period during which we will receive initial
6 written comments on the project.

7 However I want to stress very emphatically, that
8 we continue to take comments from the public throughout the
9 entire review of the project. So just because the comment
10 period ends on March 22nd and you miss that date, it does
11 not mean that we're not going to look at your comments. We
12 take comments throughout the entire time during the
13 environmental review process at FERC.

14 Now obviously one thing we have to have is, we
15 have to have your comments early. The earlier you get them
16 to us, the better we can address them, especially if you
17 have issues regarding wanting to have the pipeline route to
18 be moved. The sooner you get that to us the better we can go
19 ahead and analyze that. We simply have more time to do that.

20 I would like to also stress that you can file
21 your comments electronically with FERC. The instructions for
22 this are located at ferc.gov under the e-filing link.
23 There's also another way to comment, and that is if you go
24 to the same e-filing link, there's something called a "quick
25 comment," that we have, and that is a way to anonymously

1 comment on the project. If you wish to put your name in the
2 comment, you can do so, however it is not required.

3 Now as I stated this is still the pre-filing
4 process and what that means is that National Fuel Gas Supply
5 has not actually come in with a formal application yet.
6 Even though they haven't done that, we're still going
7 forward with the environmental review under the National
8 Environmental Policy Act or NEPA. This allows us to get the
9 early involvement of the public so that the project can
10 change early on, so that you have more opportunity to
11 influence the project.

12 As the lead agency, we actually will do the
13 environmental review and all of our findings on the
14 environmental side will be contained in the Environmental
15 Assessment. During the scoping process there are a bunch of
16 places where we will get information. Obviously we get
17 information from National Fuel and that information is
18 completely contained in their survey reports or their
19 resource reports and input from government agencies. We talk
20 to agencies like DEP, Fish & Wildlife, and also state
21 agencies.

22 If necessary we will also do our own field work.
23 Typically that's not necessary, but if needed we will go out
24 and do our own studies if we need to do that. Most
25 importantly we get information from the public, from you

1 guys. Now we're a federal agency so we understand that we
2 can't know every area in the country. You know the area, you
3 know your land, where you live, better than we do. So that's
4 why we come out to these meetings, so that we can get the
5 input from you and understand what your concerns are.

6 Now some of you may have heard me earlier when
7 you walked in about the mailing list. Now if you want a copy
8 of the Environmental Assessment, you will receive a copy of
9 it if you were on the mailing list. Right now our policy is
10 to send out electronic copies, that is CD versions of the
11 Environmental Assessment if it goes out for public review.
12 If you want a paper copy, in the back of this document
13 there's a little sheet that you can return to us, please
14 note that you want a paper copy. Otherwise you will receive
15 an electronic copy on CD.

16 I stated a little bit ago that you will receive a
17 copy if it is a public EA. Every EA that we do is public. It
18 is always on our E-Library system so that the public can
19 view it. However, we don't necessarily send every single
20 Environmental Assessment out for a thirty-day comment
21 period. The reason we don't do that is because sometimes we
22 don't get comments back from the public saying that their
23 interested in the project. If we get no comments or very few
24 comments during the scoping process, we assume that the
25 public doesn't have a great interest in this project.

1 So if you're interested in this project please go
2 ahead and comment on it so that we understand what your
3 concerns are and that you will have additional time later to
4 comment on the Environment Assessment. If the EA is actually
5 issued for comment, that gives you another opportunity to
6 comment. There'll be another comment review period in which
7 you can review the Environmental Assessment and tell us how
8 you think our document is. Whether you like it, do you think
9 there are problems with it, that will give you the
10 opportunity to let us know.

11 Once we get all those comments we forward both
12 the EA and your comments to our Commissioners at FERC, who
13 will use the EA, as well as other criteria to determine if
14 the project will be granted a certificate, which is an
15 approval to go forward. As I stated earlier, the main
16 purpose of this is to get comments from the public. So right
17 now, I'm going to briefly summarize the project. Very
18 briefly tell you what the project is. Most of you are
19 already familiar with it, at least you've read the NOI, or
20 read what was in the paper a little bit. But I'm going to
21 briefly summarize it.

22 The company has representatives here and they
23 will be available afterward to answer any specific questions
24 that you have. We will put the maps back up so you guys can
25 locate your own properties or whatever.

1 National Fuel Gas Supply has started this pre-
2 filing process with us and we issued this notice on February
3 18th for the overall the line N projects. The project
4 consists of 17.5 miles of new 20 inch diameter natural gas
5 pipeline, a new metering--a new M & R Station, which is
6 metering and regulation station, in Green County and also
7 there is a new 5000 hp Buffalo Compressor Station and two
8 miles of replacement pipeline, 20-inch in diameter, located
9 in Washington County, PA.

10 The company has stated that the purpose of this
11 project is two-fold: one, to increase the capacity of the
12 line by 150,000 decatherms per day; and the second criteria
13 is that because their existing line is over areas which may
14 be long-bed coal-mined, they needed to move this line
15 because the current line was built in the 1940s and it
16 doesn't hold up as well against subsidence due to the long-
17 bed coal mining. So that is the reason the company has given
18 to us as to why they need to do this project. So those are
19 the two reasons.

20 Now the company is going to be available to
21 answer your questions later, but right now I want to start
22 to get comments. If you have any questions, we'll have an
23 informal question and answer session after the formal
24 speakers. So hold those until the end, and of course the
25 company will have people available.

1 We do have a court reporter here provided by
2 Ace-Federal Reporters and he is an independent agent, not
3 part of FERC, who is here to strictly get an accurate record
4 of the proceedings and all your comments will be transcribed
5 and put into the public record. Let me get the sign-up
6 sheet. Right now, nobody has signed up to speak. Does anyone
7 actually want to give comments formally on the record? If
8 you do, raise your hand and come forward and then go ahead
9 and formally speak on the record and give us your comments.
10 Does anyone want to put comments on the record? One? Ok,
11 come on up, state your name, if you wish and if you could
12 spell it for the court reporter, that would be great.

13 MS. JONES: My name is Kimberly Jones, I live at
14 415 West Roy Furman Highway. You spell my last name, J-O-N-
15 E-S. The purpose of this what they have told you is due to
16 the fact that they don't want to put the gasoline over areas
17 that have not been mined out basically. I know for a fact
18 that the areas that the line is going to go through at this
19 point on my section of the pipeline, that area has not been
20 mined out. It's proposed to have a corridor which then would
21 leave block of coal above that corridor, their not planning
22 on mining that out. At this point. Not saying that they
23 won't eventually.

24 With the way the coal is going today, they're
25 probably more than likely going to mine that out. So I don't

1 feel that--I feel they can move the line away from my
2 property and move it on down onto the coal company's
3 property where it actually has been mined out. I think
4 that's all I have to say.

5 MR. TOMASI: Thank you very much. Does anyone
6 else want to speak? Ok, well again, since nobody else wants
7 to speak on the record, I'm going to formally end the
8 proceedings at this point at 6:15 p.m., and I want to thank
9 everyone for coming.

10 (Whereupon, at 6:15 p.m., the scoping meeting
11 concluded.)

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