

February 5, 2010

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Dear «Suffix» «Last»:

Empire Pipeline Inc., a subsidiary of National Fuel Gas Company, is in the process of seeking federal approval to construct a new natural gas pipeline in your area. The project was introduced to landowners along the proposed pipeline route at an open house meeting on October 19, 2009. At that meeting, Empire officials explained that the extensive drilling and development of natural gas wells in the area has created an immediate need for additional natural gas transmission facilities to transport these abundant supplies of domestic, clean-burning natural gas to consumers in your region and beyond. Empire Pipeline Inc. has been requested by local producers to build this required infrastructure in your area.

If you attended the meeting in October, you may recall that our project will include the construction of approximately 16 miles of a 24-inch pipeline, beginning at the New York/Pennsylvania State Line just west of John Hill Road in Jackson Township, P.A., and end near the Columbia Gas compressor station on Quackenbush Hill just north of West Road in Corning Township, N.Y. After on-site surveying and discussions with landowners, a preferred pipeline route has been determined. We intend to submit our formal application to the FERC in August 2010, in anticipation of construction beginning in April 2011 and a targeted completion date in September 2011.

You are being contacted at this time and provided with this information because your property is located on or near the preferred pipeline route. We want to provide you with as much information as possible about the project status and your rights as a landowner. To that end, we'd like to invite you to attend a public meeting where, once again, Company representatives will be present to answer questions and provide detailed maps of the pipeline route.

Project Meeting: Wednesday, February 17, 2010
Radisson Hotel – Corning
125 Denison Parkway East
Corning, NY 14830
Meeting to begin at 7:00 p.m.

More information about your rights and ways to become involved in this process can be found on FERC's Web site (<http://www.ferc.gov/for-citizens/get-involved.asp>). This information from the FERC will also be available at our public meeting.

National Fuel Gas Company, incorporated in 1902, is a diversified energy company that already has a strong presence in the New York and Pennsylvania region. Empire Pipeline Inc. is part of National Fuel's Pipeline and Storage segment, which has a long history of building and maintaining safe and reliable transmission pipelines and now owns and operates 2,800 miles of interstate natural gas pipelines, all of which are located in New York and Pennsylvania. We welcome your questions and feedback about the project and look forward to working with you and the community in general as the project moves forward.

I will serve as the primary contact for property owners and other interested parties. Please do not hesitate to contact me via e-mail at james@natfuel.com, toll-free at 1-800-677-8004, or by mail at National Fuel, Corporate Communications, PO Box 2081, 1100 State Street, Erie, PA 16512-2081, if you have any questions. I have enclosed a question form should you care to submit questions in writing, either ahead of time, on the day of the meeting or afterwards. We look forward to continuing to work with you on this important project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Sandra L. James". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, flowing initial "S".

Sandra L. James
Assistant Director
Corporate Communications

Enclosure