

February 5, 2010

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Dear «Suffix» «Last»:

Empire Pipeline Inc., a subsidiary of National Fuel Gas Company, plans to seek federal approval to construct approximately 16 miles of new natural gas pipeline near Corning, New York, and to replace a 1.3 mile section of existing natural gas pipeline near Victor, New York. As you know, this area has recently experienced extensive drilling and development of natural gas wells. These wells have the potential to bring abundant supplies of domestic, clean-burning natural gas to consumers in your region and beyond. In order for those supplies of natural gas to be delivered to customers, additional natural gas transmission facilities will need to be built. Empire Pipeline Inc. has extensive experience and a successful track record of developing, constructing and operating natural gas pipelines and has been requested by local producers to build this required infrastructure in your area.

Empire has submitted its plan to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) and is now beginning the FERC NEPA Pre-filing process under docket number PF10-5-000. We plan to submit our formal application to the FERC in August 2010. Should the FERC approve our application within our requested timeframe, we would anticipate beginning construction in April 2011 and an in service date in September 2011.

The pipeline replacement portion of the project involves approximately 1.3 miles of existing pipeline (referred to as the “Lift and Lay Section”) as well as construction of a new interconnection with Tennessee Gas Pipeline in Ontario County, New York. These facilities will enable Empire to provide local producers with the means to transport new abundant supplies of Marcellus Shale gas to various markets.

You are being contacted at this time and provided with this information because your property appears to be located on or near the section of pipeline to be replaced. We want to provide you and the other property owners along the pipeline replacement route with as much information as possible about the project and your rights as a landowner. To that end, we’d like to invite you to attend a meeting where Company representatives will be present to answer questions and provide detailed maps of the project.

<b>PROJECT MEETINGS</b>	
<b>Wednesday, February 17, 2010</b>	<b>Thursday, February 18, 2010</b>
Radisson Hotel - Corning	Victor Central School District Auditorium
125 Denison Parkway East	953 High Street
Corning, NY 14830	Victor, NY 14564
Meeting to begin at 7:00 P.M.	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 project meeting.

Affected property owners will be offered fair compensation for the use of their land outside of the existing right-of-way and for temporary economic loss caused by construction. Empire is committed to restoring the areas affected during construction to original or better condition, and allowing the continued use of the land for agricultural and recreational purposes.

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. The Segment owns and operates 2,800 miles of interstate natural gas pipelines, all of which are located in New York and Pennsylvania. We welcome questions and feedback about the project and look forward to working with the community along the proposed pipeline corridor 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](mailto: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 you can use if you wish to submit questions in writing and so that we may respond to you in a complete fashion. We look forward to working with you on this important project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Sandra L. James". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the typed name and title.

Sandra L. James  
Assistant Director  
Corporate Communications

Enclosure