

NOTICE OF PROPOSED PROJECT

On March 18, 2014, Empire Pipeline, Inc. (“Empire”) and National Fuel Gas Supply Corporation (“Supply”) (collectively known as “National Fuel”) filed a joint application with the Federal Energy Regulation Commission (“FERC”) at Docket No. CP14-112-000 for authorization to construct approximately 17.12 miles of natural gas pipeline, including 16.35 miles of 12-inch diameter pipeline and 0.77 miles of 16-inch pipeline, and interconnection facilities along with construction of additional compression at Supply’s existing Tuscarora Compressor Station. In addition, Empire has requested authorization to rewheel its existing compressors at its Oakfield Compressor Station. The project, known as the “Tuscarora Lateral Project,” will consist of the following: the construction of approximately 17.12 miles of new steel pipeline beginning at the southern terminus of the existing Empire Pipeline in Jackson Township, PA, running northwesterly through the Towns of Caton, Lindley and Tuscarora in Steuben County, NY, where it will connect with Supply’s existing Tuscarora Compressor Station in the Town of Tuscarora, NY; the addition of approximately 1,384 horsepower (“HP”) of compression at Supply’s existing Tuscarora Compressor Station; and the replacement of compressor wheels at Empire’s existing Oakfield Compressor Station in the Town of Oakfield, NY. The proposed pipeline route and the location of the compressor stations are shown on the attached map.

The Tuscarora Lateral Project will serve to connect existing natural gas storage capacity on Supply’s system with the existing Empire Pipeline system, allowing Empire to offer load balancing storage services to its customers, including Rochester Gas and Electric Corporation. Subject to receipt of FERC authorization, Empire plans to begin construction activities in Fall/Winter 2014 and complete the project in November 2015. Prior to that time, Empire will be in contact with owners of property along the proposed pipeline route regarding the acquisition of rights-of-way or other agreements authorizing the construction, operation, and maintenance of the proposed facilities.

Residents have the opportunity to review National Fuel’s application, to submit comments on the application to FERC and to participate as a party in the proceeding by filing for intervenor status. The FERC pamphlet entitled “An Interstate Natural Gas Facility on My Land? What Do I Need to Know?” provides information about FERC’s certification process. The publication can be viewed and/or printed through FERC’s Internet site at <http://www.ferc.gov>. Questions concerning the process should be directed to FERC’s Office of External Affairs at 1-866-208-3372.

If you have any questions about the proposed project, please contact Sandra James at 1-800-677-8004. A copy of the FERC application may be viewed at: Southeast Steuben County Library, 300 Nasser Center Plaza, Suite 101, Corning, NY 14830; Addison Public Library, 6 South Street, Addison, NY 14801; Haxton Memorial Library, 3 North Pearl Street, Oakfield, NY 14125. A separate notice will be mailed to all affected landowners and government entities.

Empire utilizes its natural gas pipeline facilities in western and central New York and north-central Pennsylvania to transport natural gas for customers in all segments of the gas industry. Supply has decades of experience in operating a transmission system consisting of more than 2,877 miles of natural gas pipelines and associated facilities. Both Empire and Supply are subsidiaries of National Fuel Gas Company, and affiliates of National Fuel Gas Distribution Company (a utility that provides retail natural gas service to more than 733,000 customers in western New York and northwestern Pennsylvania). Additional information about National Fuel is available at www.nationalfuelgas.com.

