

NOTICE OF PROPOSED PROJECT

On August 26, 2010, Empire Pipeline, Inc. ("Empire") filed an application with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) at Docket No. CP10-493-000 for authorization to construct and operate the Empire Pipeline - Tioga County Extension Project ("the Project") and for various related authorizations. The Project includes the construction of approximately 15 miles of 24-inch natural gas pipeline, beginning near the New York/Pennsylvania State Line in Jackson Township, PA, and ending near the Millennium Pipeline Compressor Station on Quackenbush Hill in the Town of Corning, NY. Additionally, Empire proposes to replace approximately 1.4 miles of its existing pipeline system in the Town of Victor, NY ("Lift and Lay"), construct a new interconnection with the Tennessee Gas Pipeline ("TGP Interconnect") in the Town of Hopewell, NY and perform miscellaneous modifications at existing measurement and compressor stations. The proposed pipeline section routes, the TGP Interconnect and the location of existing measurement and compressor stations are shown on the attached maps.

The purpose of this Project is to establish a corridor for transporting new, abundant sources of natural gas into the interstate natural gas system. More detailed information is available on the project website, www.nationalfuelgas.com/empire/tioga.

In areas where new pipeline is being constructed, Empire would need to acquire new rights of way prior to construction of the pipeline. Where Empire has existing rights of way, the pipeline would be replaced under these original rights. A right of way is an agreement by which a property owner grants permission to Empire to use a portion of his or her property to install, operate and maintain the pipeline facilities. Right of way compensation will be determined by the current land values, which will be established by recent sales of comparable properties in the area. If you are a landowner with property located directly along the pipeline route, a representative of Empire will contact you to discuss this matter at a later time.

Subject to receipt of FERC authorization, Empire plans to begin construction in March 2011 and complete the Project in September 2011. Prior to that time, Empire will be in contact with owners of property along the proposed 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 Empire'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 website 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 Civic Center Plaza, Suite 101, Corning, NY 14830; Victor Free Library, 15 West Main Street, Victor, NY 14564; and Wood Library, 134 Main Street N, Canandaigua, NY 14424. The application can also be viewed through FERC's website at <http://elibrary.ferc.gov>, by searching under Docket No. CP10-493. 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 to transport natural gas for customers in all segments of the natural gas industry. Empire Pipeline, Inc. is a wholly owned subsidiary of National Fuel Gas Company, an integrated energy company with \$4.9 billion in assets comprised of the following four operating segments: Exploration and Production, Pipeline and Storage, Utility and Energy Marketing. Additional information about National Fuel is available at www.nationalfuelgas.com.