



NORTHEAST SUPPLY ENHANCEMENT PROJECT

WILLIAMS FILES APPLICATION SEEKING FEDERAL APPROVAL FOR PIPELINE EXPANSION

Williams has filed an application for a "Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity" with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) seeking authorization to expand the existing Transco transmission pipeline to deliver additional natural gas supplies to the northeastern United States for the 2019/2020 winter heating season.

The Northeast Supply Enhancement Project has been designed to help meet the growing natural gas demand in the Northeast, including the 1.8 million customers served by National Grid in Brooklyn, Queens, Staten Island, and Long Island.

Williams has executed agreements with subsidiaries of National Grid - the largest distributor of natural gas in the northeastern U.S.

"Williams' Northeast Supply Enhancement project expands on our commitment to further improve reliability, make available much-needed gas capacity to support job growth, and help reduce our carbon footprint," said Ken Daly, President, National Grid New York.

FERC ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW PROCESS FORMAL APPLICATION FILED WITH FERC FERC ISSUES DRAFT EIS / OPENS COMMENT PERIOD

FERC RESPONDS TO COMMENTS / REVISES DRAFT EIS FERC ISSUES FINAL EIS (final environmental impact statement)

COMMISSION ISSUES ORDER

BY THE NUMBERS

- **\$926 million** Capital cost of the Northeast Supply Enhancement Project
- 80% Emissions reduction goal announced by NYC Mayor Bill de Blasio
- 13 Miles of new onshore pipe included in the NESE project
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- **5** Compressor stations Williams currently operates in N.J.
- **2.3 million** Homes potentially served by NESE project capacity
 - 10 Months the project has been engaging stakeholders in pre-filing process

WHAT'S INSIDE A FERC CERTIFICATE APPLICATION?

The siting and construction of interstate natural gas pipelines is regulated by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC). An integral component to FERC's review of a proposed project is the Application for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity (Certificate Application). The Certificate Application is a comprehensive document that describes the proposed project, its need and potential environmental impacts.

Williams anticipates that FERC will require eight to 10 months to make a final decision on whether to issue a Certificate Order authorizing construction of the project. If authorized, the Certificate Order will detail the conditions of the approval and construction and mitigation measures that we must follow.

The Certificate Application contains Environmental Resource Reports that detail the various studies and analyses which have been conducted. These Resource Reports determine what effect construction and operation could potentially have on the environment and community and how those effects can be effectively minimized or eliminated. A summary of the various resource reports can be found below:



VIEWING THE APPLICATION

When the Certificate Application is filed and a Certificate Proceeding (CP) docket number is assigned, a copy of the entire application will be made available for viewing at public libraries, as well as via the FERC website by referencing the project's docket.

NORTHEAST SUPPLY ENHANCEMENT PROJECT VIEWING THE APPLICATION ONLINE

VISIT WWW.FERC.GOV

CLICK DOCUMENTS & FILINGS > ELIBRARY > DOCKET SEARCH

ENTER DOCKET NUMBER CP17-101

The Certificate Application may be viewed at the following public libraries:

Dongan Hills Library 1617 Richmond Road, Staten Island, NY 10304

Quarryville Library Center 357 Buck Rd, Quarryville, PA 17566

Chester County Library 450 Exton Square Pkwy, Exton, PA 19341

Old Bridge Public Library 1 Old Bridge Plaza, Old Bridge Township, NJ 08857

Queens Library at Seaside 116-15 Rockaway Beach Blvd, Belle Harbor, NY 11694

Franklin Township Public Library – Franklin Towne Center 3391 Rt 27 S #101, Franklin Park, NJ 08823

5 FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

SPOTLIGHT: COMPRESSOR STATION 206

1. Why is the project needed?

Natural gas demand is at an all-time high. The Transco pipeline, which has been providing reliable service to this area for decades, is currently operating at capacity. As our customers' demand for gas increases, we have to periodically expand our existing facilities to allow more gas to be transported through the pipeline.

2. Do pipelines affect property value?

Multiple studies across the country have found minimal to no correlation between a property's sales price and its vicinity to a gas transmission pipeline.

3. Will the horsepower addition at Station 200 be heard by neighbors?

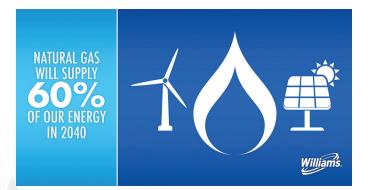
Should the Project be approved by the FERC, federal regulations require that we do not exceed the noise level that residents currently experience when the station is running.

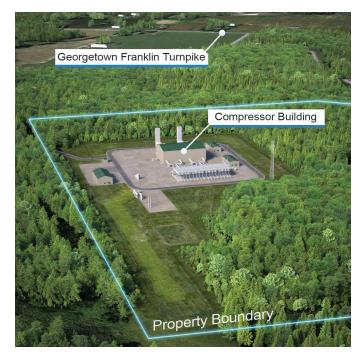
4. How are compressor station emissions controlled?

The new station 206 will feature state of the art emission control technology. In addition, federal new source performance standards require LDAR monitoring for new/modified emission sources to protect air quality.

5. Is the Transco pipeline safe?

Yes. We've been operating safely in this area for decades. In addition, we are designing this pipeline project to exceed federal safety regulations in a <u>many important areas.</u>





Artistic rendering of compressor station 206 in Franklin Township, N.J.

The scope of the Northeast Supply Enhancement project includes the construction of a new natural gas fueled compressor station located along the existing Transco pipeline in Somerset County, N.J.

Compressor stations, sometimes called pumping stations, are the "engine" that powers a pipeline.

Not all compressor facilities are the same. The design and operation of interstate transmission pipeline compressor facilities is overseen by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, as well as the U.S. Department of Transportation.

Williams has identified its preferred location as a secluded 52-acre tract located in Somerset County, N.J., approximately one mile south of the intersection State Highway 27 and County Route 518 in Franklin Township.

The site was selected because it minimizes potential impacts to residential areas as well as to environmental resources, such as wetlands and water bodies. The facility is being designed to be situated on less than 10 acres, with the majority of acreage left as a wooded buffer surrounding the station.

Visit the project website at <u>www.williams.com/nese</u> for answers to frequently asked questions about the proposed facility.



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FOR MORE INFORMATION

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PRELIMINARY PROJECT SCHEDULE

May 2016	FERC pre-filling
May/June 2016	Onshore civil, biological, cultural surveys begins
September 2016	FERC scoping meetings
March 2017	Submit 7(c) application to FERC
Summer 2018	Proposed construction start
Winter 2019/2020	Proposed in-service

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