Proposed Millennium Expansion – Two New Compressors and More Pipe

The Millennium Pipeline Company (Millennium) has announced its proposed Eastern System Upgrade Project—which includes:

- a new 22,400 horsepower compressor station in the Town of Highland, NY
- addition of a new 22,400 horsepower compressor unit at the existing Hancock Compressor Station in Delaware County, NY
- installation of 7.3 miles of new 36-inch pipeline parallel to Millennium’s existing 24-inch line between the Huguenot and Westtown meter stations in Orange County, NY

The process was set into motion on January 19, 2016 when Millennium filed a Request for Pre-Filing Review with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC). The project’s Pre-filing docket number is PF16-3.

Millennium has already taken steps to advance their new construction—including purchasing necessary land, conducting initial stakeholder consultations, and pre-filing their proposal with FERC. The company has laid out their intended timeline going forward (see below), which includes the submission of their official application to FERC in July 2016 and construction beginning in September 2017.

The proposed new compressor station would be located in Eldred, a hamlet of the Town of Highland in Sullivan County, NY equidistant from the existing Hancock (Delaware County) and Minisink Compressor Stations (Orange County). Millennium has already purchased 80 acres of the Eldred Preserve, along state Route 55, for this purpose. The company has indicated that they intend to build the compressor station on the southwest corner of the property. This map is adapted from Millennium’s Request for Pre-Filing Review, and shows the location of the proposed compressor station and potential access road.

About Millennium: The Millennium Pipeline Company is at the heart of the proposed compressor station. Millennium, also responsible for the Hancock and Minisink Compressor Stations, does not have a good track record in Sullivan and neighboring counties. In the Town of Hancock, Millennium acquired the property that was eventually used for their compressor station after their pipeline expansion activities damaged the foundation and septic system of the previous owner’s house. In Minisink, negative health impacts from compressor...
emissions have already forced a nearby family to abandon their home. Additionally, the Town of Cochecton accused the pipeline company of leaving behind $1 million in damages to county roads after their 2008 pipeline expansion project—which Millennium denied.

**Process & Involvement:** We encourage community members to sign up for updates on any official communication between the company and FERC by using the project’s **Pre-Filing docket number: PF16-3.**

**Timeline for Activities:**

- **December 23, 2015:** Millennium purchased 80 acres of the Eldred Preserve for $447,812
- **January 8, 2016:** Millennium Pipeline Company representatives met with Highland Town Supervisor Jeff Haas regarding their intended Eastern System Upgrade Project
- **January 11, 2016:** Millennium wrote a letter to the Board of Highland, reporting on January 8 meeting with Supervisor Haas
- **January 19, 2016:** Millennium submitted their request for pre-filing review to FERC
- **February 5, 2016:** Millennium plans to file initial drafts of Resource Report 1 and alternatives
- **March 2016:** Tentative date for Millennium open house with officials and community members
- **April 27, 2016:** Millennium plans to file Drafts of Resource Reports 1 through 12
- **July 29, 2016:** Millennium plans to submit their Section 7(c) Application with FERC
- **July 31, 2017:** Millennium will request that FERC issue an order approving their upgrade project
- **Fall 2017:** Millennium hopes to begin construction
- **September 1, 2018:** Millennium plans to complete project and place project facilities into service

For ongoing information and to get involved in challenging the Millennium Eastern System Upgrade Project send an email to keeper@delawareriverkeeper.org or call 215 369 1188 and ask to be added to community list challenging this damaging proposal.

**Sources:**


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