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UPDATE

Constitution Gas Pipeline Construction Targeted to Begin This Summer

Constitution Pipeline Company, LLC has updated its in-service date projection from the fourth quarter of 2016 to the second half of 2017 to help meet growing natural gas demand in New York and New England. This adjustment is to ensure compliance with the environmental conditions of the FERC Order, as well as the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Biological Opinion.

Pending receipt of the Clean Water Act Section 401 Water Quality Certification from New York State Department of Environmental Conservation and the Clean Water Act Section 404 permit from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Constitution anticipates beginning limited mainline construction in the summer of 2016. Full mainline construction in New York would continue after October 1 to minimize and avoid adverse impacts to migratory birds and the northern long-eared bat.

“We are very eager to get started,” said Project Manager Matt Swift. “We recognize that there are communities and businesses in New York and New England who are anxiously waiting for this project to be built so that they can access abundant, cost-effective natural gas supplies.”

Swift continued, “There are thousands of construction workers standing by, waiting to get put to work. We are working diligently to obtain the last outstanding clearances so that construction can get underway this summer.”

Construction of the Constitution Pipeline project is estimated to directly and



Steel sections of the Constitution Pipeline stacked at a pipe yard in Albany County, N.Y.

indirectly support more than 2,400 jobs and generate \$130 million in labor income for the region. Once in service, the pipeline will deliver enough natural gas to serve approximately 3 million U.S. homes. Once operational, the pipeline’s economic impact is anticipated to result in more than \$13 million in local tax revenue and more than \$600,000 in new income in the region.

In addition to serving markets in New England and New York City, Constitution Pipeline and Leatherstocking Gas Company, LLC have announced plans to install delivery taps along Constitution’s proposed route to facilitate local natural gas service to homes and businesses in southern New York and northern Pennsylvania.

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Leatherstocking Gas Provides Service Update

An update on the Leatherstocking Gas plan to provide local natural gas service to communities in central New York from Leatherstocking President and CEO Mike German:

Leatherstocking Gas was awarded municipal franchises in Delaware, Chenango and Otsego counties. A couple of years ago we started preparing to serve these areas, including conducting preliminary engineering and contacting a number of larger potential customers. Over the past year, not much has happened. So what are the prospects for getting gas to unserved central New York communities, including the greater Sidney area, Greene and Delhi?

First, our assurance that Leatherstocking Gas remains committed to providing service to these communities. However, Leatherstocking Gas will not be investing in the region in 2016. Without gas supply, it makes no sense to construct distribution systems.



Mike German, President and CEO, Leatherstocking Gas

We understand that natural gas service is needed. Our 2016 construction plans in Montrose, Pa., will support a major new manufacturing facility with more than

100 employees as well as serving public facilities (three schools, new hospital and the government center), and commercial and residential consumers. Our new gas systems in Pennsylvania are already supporting economic growth, while nearly 300 new customers are receiving the benefits of natural gas service. We would like to provide the same benefits in New York State.

We understand our obligation to the central New York communities that have granted us franchises. We appreciate the support we have received from government and community leaders as well as key customers. We remain cautiously optimistic about building in 2017; however, without gas supply (Constitution Pipeline), even this schedule is in jeopardy. We will not give up on central New York, but we must be realistic on what is possible.

Mike German, President and CEO, Leatherstocking Gas

Local Voices:

New Yorkers Use Social Media to Express Support for Project

Supporters of the Constitution Pipeline are using social media to tell their stories, sharing why New Yorkers can't wait for the jobs, tax savings and the economic opportunities that will be created by the approximately \$900 million infrastructure project.

The more than 20 videos on the Constitution Pipeline YouTube channel represent a small sample of the voices of local New Yorkers who recognize the importance of natural gas and the benefits that new pipeline infrastructure can deliver to the Southern Tier.

Some of those local voices include:

Carolyn Price Town Supervisor, Windsor, N.Y.

"There are several long term benefits, and of course the largest is taxes. The gas

companies pay a substantial amount of taxes to the town of Windsor. Those gas companies paid 15.85 percent of the town of Windsor's taxes. Those are taxes that the local property owners didn't have to pay."

Daniel Reynolds Endicott, N.Y.

"The Constitution Pipeline means jobs for a lot of individuals; infrastructure for cities, towns, communities, businesses and schools; tax savings for a lot of those communities, but it also means heating savings. I want work local. If we lose jobs locally, it doesn't just affect the workers, it affects their whole families. A lot of families need this Constitution Pipeline to go through."

Anna Marie Lusins Oneonta, N.Y.

"Right now we need natural gas and our communities need natural gas. In supporting Constitution Pipeline I am supporting economic growth in Otsego County and the Southern Tier. The Constitution Pipeline will bring in much needed new industry."



The Constitution Pipeline hosts supportive videos on its YouTube. View more videos by visiting <https://www.youtube.com/user/ConstitutionPipeline>

Afton Rally Held in Support of Constitution Pipeline

Despite cold temperatures, hundreds of supporters of the Constitution Pipeline rallied in Afton, N.Y. in January to show their support for the proposed interstate gas pipeline.

The Joint Landowners Coalition of New York organized the event to demonstrate the significant level of support for the project. At the event, elected officials, businesses, landowners and union members discussed the current status of the Constitution Pipeline and how supporters can help advance this critical project.

Dan Fitzsimmons, President of the Joint Landowners Coalition of New York said: "We were extremely pleased that nearly 400 supporters turned out for the event. It clearly shows how strongly the Southern Tier of New York supports the Constitution Pipeline."

Fitzsimmons added: "The Constitution project is estimated to create 2,400 jobs and generate \$130 million in labor income for the region. It will produce \$13 million in annual property tax revenue with

approximately 60 percent paid directly to benefit local school districts along the pipeline route."

John Lawrence, Town of Afton Supervisor, whose town is also partly traversed by Constitution, expressed his support for the project based on the positive working relationship between the town and the pipeline company. Lawrence stated: "The Constitution Pipeline has demonstrated their good intent in being an excellent neighbor and friend to the Town of Afton. Natural gas to Afton is going to mean lower energy costs to those people that take advantage of it and it will be another arrow in our quiver of opportunities for people that live and do business in the Town of Afton."

Many local unions, including members from Laborers International Union of North America (LIUNA) Local 785 and Local 1098, Plumber and Pipefitters 693, Operating Engineers Local 158 and Local 825, Teamsters Local 693, Carpenters Local 277 and Machinists and Aerospace Worker Local 1529 attended the rally.



Communities Benefit from Pipeline Grants

Since its inception in 2012, more than \$1.9 million has been awarded by the Constitution Pipeline Community Grant Program to 145 organizations to help fund noteworthy projects that directly benefit communities in the pipeline project area.

One of the 11 recipients is the Delaware County Sheriff's office, which used a \$17,700 grant to aid in the purchase of two Polaris Ranger utility vehicles for use by first responders in reaching areas not easily accessible by full-size vehicles.



"This grant award will be used to improve our emergency response capabilities by allowing us to replace our existing 15-year-old ATVs with two new Polaris Rangers," said Tom Mills, Delaware County Sheriff. "It is often necessary to respond to emergency situations, such as logging or farming accidents, which occur in rough terrain or isolated areas not accessible by roads. The new Polaris Rangers are badly needed. We sincerely appreciate the support of Constitution Pipeline in helping the Delaware County Sheriff keep the community safe."

Because of the rural landscape in and around Delaware County, the use of all-terrain vehicles is sometimes the most efficient way to maintain public safety. By obtaining grant funds from the Constitution Pipeline for much needed vehicle upgrades, the Office can now direct resources to other programming. This takes the burden off county taxpayers and permits for a more effective Sheriff's Office.

Learn more about how community grant recipients are using grant funds from the Constitution Pipeline to make their communities better by visiting benefits.constitutionpipeline.com.