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FERC Authorizes Guardian Pipeline Expansion

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The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) late Friday authorized, with conditions, the proposed expansion of the Guardian Pipeline system that will increase natural gas supply in Wisconsin and Illinois. Guardian will become the second interstate natural gas pipeline to provide natural gas service to meet rising customer demand in eastern Wisconsin.

Background

Guardian's proposed G-II Expansion Project involves the construction and operation of 119.2 miles of 12- to 30- inch diameter pipeline from Ixonia, Wis., to Green Bay, Wis., to provide up to 437,200 Dth/d of new firm capacity. The project also would add 78,000 horsepower of compression, seven new meter stations, and other related facilities along Guardian's existing G-1 system to transport an additional 537,200 dekatherms of gas per day (Dth/d) from Joliet, Ill., to Ixonia, Wis.

The Order

FERC imposed 22 conditions on Guardian to mitigate any potential adverse environmental impact.

The record demonstrates support for the proposed expansion from 85 separate entities, including trade unions, realtor associations, hospitals and health care groups, colleges and universities, businesses and chambers of commerce, and utilities, FERC said. That support and the need for the project as evidenced by the precedent agreements found that on balance the economic benefits of the expansion can be expected to outweigh any harm to landowners. FERC also urged Guardian to make all possible efforts to minimize adverse impacts on landowners and to resolve easement issues outside of the court.

The Commission decision can be found at www.ferc.gov.

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