



DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP24-479-001]

National Fuel Gas Supply Corporation; Notice of Request for Extension of Time

Take notice that on July 28, 2025, National Fuel Gas Supply Corporation (National Fuel) requested that the Commission grant an extension of time, until August 24, 2026, to complete construction and place into service the Zoar Storage Field Project (Project) located in Erie County, New York. On June 25, 2024, the Commission issued a Notice of Request Under Blanket Authorization, which established a 60-day comment period, ending on August 26, 2024, to file protests. No protests were filed during the comment period, and accordingly the project self-implemented on August 27, 2024 and by Rule should have been completed within one year.

As of May 2025, National fuel has commenced and completed abandonment operations on wells 0050-I and 0886-I. During the rig move, a small annular vent was discovered at both wells using a methane detection device. National Fuel states the detected vents have been verified by the New York State Department of Conservation. Currently, National Fuel is in the process of abandoning well 0694-I and working through a diagnostic and remediation plan for wells 0050-I and 0886-I. National Fuel will complete these projects prior to mobilizing to well 0893-I to commence abandonment operations. National Fuel requests an extension of time to remediate the annular vents, finalize abandonment, and complete final restoration of the well sites.

This notice establishes a 15-calendar day intervention and comment period deadline. Any person wishing to comment on National Fuel's request for an extension of

time may do so. No reply comments or answers will be considered. If you wish to obtain legal status by becoming a party to the proceedings for this request, you should, on or before the comment date stated below, file a motion to intervene in accordance with the requirements of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 C.F.R. 385.214 or 385.211) and the Regulations under the Natural Gas Act (NGA) (18 C.F.R. 157.10).

As a matter of practice, the Commission itself generally acts on requests for extensions of time to complete construction for NGA facilities when such requests are contested before order issuance. For those extension requests that are contested,¹ the Commission will aim to issue an order acting on the request within 45 days.² The Commission will address all arguments relating to whether the applicant has demonstrated there is good cause to grant the extension.³ The Commission will not consider arguments that re-litigate the issuance of the certificate order, including whether the Commission properly found the project to be in the public convenience and necessity and whether the Commission's environmental analysis for the certificate complied with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA).⁴ At the time a pipeline requests an extension of time, orders on certificates of public convenience and necessity are final and the Commission

¹ Contested proceedings are those where an intervenor disputes any material issue of the filing. 18 C.F.R. 385.2201(c)(1).

² *Algonquin Gas Transmission, LLC*, 170 FERC ¶ 61,144, at P 40 (2020).

³ *Id.* at P 40.

⁴ Similarly, the Commission will not re-litigate the issuance of an NGA section 3 authorization, including whether a proposed project is not inconsistent with the public interest and whether the Commission's environmental analysis for the permit order complied with NEPA.

will not re-litigate their issuance.⁵ The Director of the Office of Energy Projects, or his or her designee, will act on all of those extension requests that are uncontested.

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The Commission strongly encourages electronic filings of comments in lieu of paper using the "eFile" link at <http://www.ferc.gov>. In lieu of electronic filing, you may submit a paper copy which must reference the Project docket number.

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⁵ *Algonquin Gas Transmission, LLC*, 170 FERC ¶ 61,144, at P 40 (2020).

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Comment Date: 5:00 pm Eastern Time on **August 20, 2025**.

Dated: August 5, 2025.

Debbie-Anne A. Reese,

Secretary.