



**Millennium Announces Minisink Compressor Project to Increase Natural Gas Pipeline Capacity
- Design Engineered to Increase Throughput in Most Efficient Way Possible -**

PEARL RIVER, N.Y., July 15, 2011 – Millennium Pipeline Company, LLC today announced that it has filed an application with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) to license and construct a compressor station in Minisink, New York to increase the capacity of its natural gas pipeline.

The project will add two 6,130 horsepower natural gas turbine-driven centrifugal compressors to increase line pressure and thereby increase deliverability of natural gas at the line's Ramapo terminus from 525,400 decatherms to 675,000 decatherms per day. Adding compression increases pipeline capacity because compressed gas does not take up as much space on the line. This type of expansion allows Millennium to meet its customers' growing needs, without installing additional miles of pipeline.

The compressors will be installed along the pipeline in the town of Minisink in Western Orange County on a 73-acre plot. The compressors will be enclosed within a state-of-the-art building designed to minimize sound and blend with area architecture. A second building on the site will house kitchen and bathroom facilities for maintenance workers.

The project is expected to employ 75 workers at the peak of construction and create one full-time maintenance job once operational. Millennium hopes to begin construction in Q1 2012 with completion estimated in Q4 2012. The projected cost of the project is \$43 million and is being supported by Southwestern Energy Services Company, Williams Gas Marketing and MMSG Inc., all of whom will be utilizing the additional line capacity created by the expansion.

"We are very excited by this project that marks the next phase in Millennium's growth and does so in a way that is environmentally sound and creates minimal disturbance within our host communities," said Joseph P. Shields, Millennium President. "Throughout the permitting and construction of this project we will be working closely with our neighbors and local officials to ensure we take local concerns and priorities into account."

In conjunction with the filing, Millennium has begun holding meetings with local officials to brief them on the project. The company has established a toll-free telephone line (877-213-1944) and posted project and permitting details on its website at www.millenniumpipeline.com. In addition, Millennium plans to hold an open house in August where the public can ask questions and learn more about the project.

For more information, please visit the Millennium website at www.Millenniumpipeline.com.

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The Millennium Pipeline is anchored by its customers KeySpan Energy, Consolidated Edison of New York, Central Hudson Gas and Electric Corporation and Columbia Gas Transmission Corporation. Millennium will serve markets along its route in the Southern Tier and lower Hudson Valley as well as providing essential services to the New York City markets through its pipeline interconnections. Millennium currently transports up to 525,400 Dth/day.