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MILLENNIUM PRE-FILING APPLICATION TO FEREC FOR EASTERN SYSTEM UPGRADE PROJECT ACCEPTED

The Millennium Pipeline Company announced today that the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) has approved the company to use its pre-filing process to review Millennium's proposal to upgrade and expand the East end of its system. The project, named the Eastern System Upgrade (ESU), will be co-located along Millennium's existing 244 miles of right-of-way. The proposal includes:

- An estimated 7.8 miles of 36" looped pipeline parallel to our current infrastructure in Orange County.
- Upgrades to the existing Hancock Compressor Station in Delaware County.
- New compression capabilities at a facility in Sullivan County.
- Upgrades to existing Ramapo Meter and Regulation Station in Rockland County.

"After evaluating the increasing energy demands for natural gas in our region and finding a need for additional capacity, we are proposing a project that will successfully meet that need while bolstering the region's economy," said Millennium President Joseph Shields. "Our ESU project will provide critical supplies of natural gas to the northeast. With this project Millennium will continue its strong focus on safety, protecting the environment, and respecting landowners and local natural resources."

The total cost of the ESU is \$275 million, and Millennium anticipates work will begin in the Fall of 2017 with an approximate in-service date of Fall 2018.

More information on the project can be found at www.millenniumpipeline.com.

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Established in 2008, Millennium Pipeline is a New York-based interstate natural gas pipeline serving the Northeast. Millennium's pipeline runs from Steuben County, New York to Rockland County, New York. Millennium is jointly owned by affiliates of Columbia Pipeline Group, National Grid and DTE Energy.