

## NEXT STEPS

We are currently conducting our environmental analysis of the proposed Project based on the information we have received from National Grid and the comments we have received from stakeholders. When we have all of the information necessary to complete our analysis and write the EA, we will issue a Notice of Schedule for Environmental Review that will identify the date for issuing the EA.

When the EA is completed, a Notice of Availability will be published in the Federal Register, and the EA will be mailed to the environmental mailing list for this proceeding. There will be a public review period to comment on the document. Please stay involved and consider filing comments on the EA when it is available. All comments on the EA will be addressed in the Commission's Order. See the Environmental Review Process Chart for more details on next steps.

## HOW TO STAY INFORMED

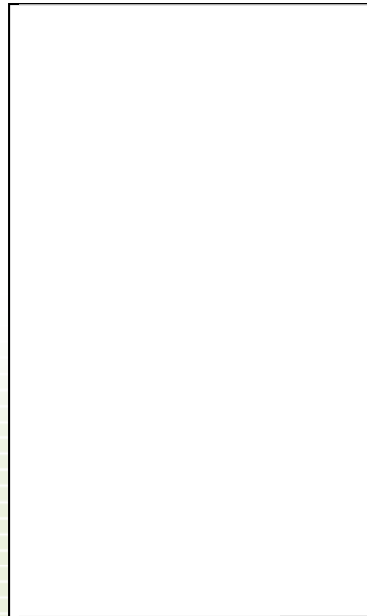
Go to the FERC website at <http://www.ferc.gov>. Click on the Documents and Filings tab, click on the eLibrary link, click on "General Search" and enter the docket number (i.e., CP16-121). Be sure you have selected an appropriate date range. For assistance, please contact FERC Online Support at [FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov](mailto:FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov) or toll free at 1-866-208-3676. For TTY, contact 202-502-8659.

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National Grid also maintains a Project web page that can be viewed at: <https://www.nationalgridus.com/Fields-Point/>

Copies of the completed EA will be sent to our environmental mailing list in compact disc (CD) format or in hard copy upon request. If you prefer a paper copy of the document instead of the CD version, and you did not previously request a paper copy, you may send a letter indicating your preference to the address on the front of this brochure. Please be certain to include the docket number for this project (CP16-121-000) and send to the attention of Gas Branch 4, PJ11.4.

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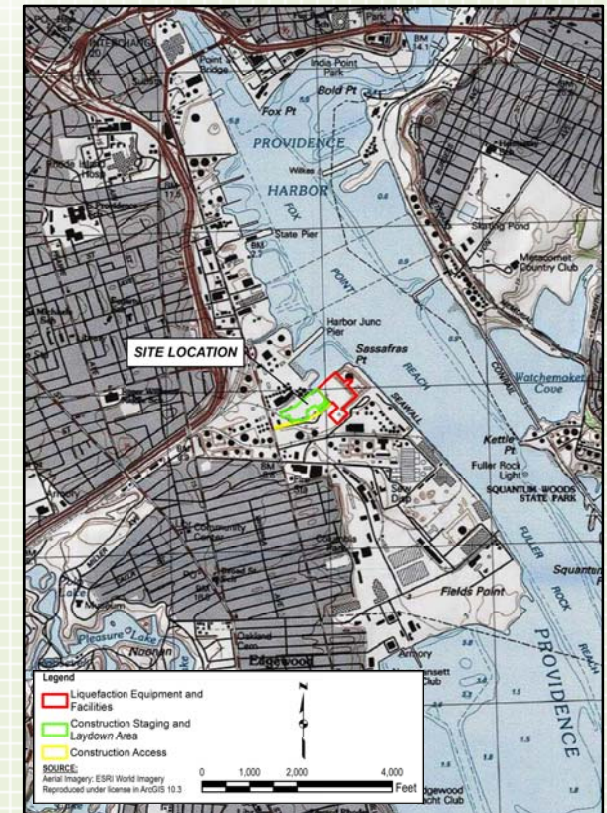


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## PROJECT UPDATE FOR THE FIELDS POINT LIQUEFACTION PROJECT DOCKET #CP 16-121-000

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## INTRODUCTION

The purpose of this mailing is to provide you with an update on the environmental review of the proposed Fields Point Liquefaction Project (Project), explain the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's (FERC or Commission) environmental review process, identify the issues, and give you an idea of what's next in our review process.

## PROJECT DESCRIPTION

National Grid LNG, LLC (National Grid) proposes to construct and operate a new liquefaction facility at its existing liquefied natural gas (LNG) storage facility in the City of Providence, Rhode Island. The new facility would enable National Grid to liquefy natural gas delivered to the facility via a connection to an existing pipeline immediately adjacent to the Project site. This new liquefaction facility would largely replace the current activity of trucking LNG to the facility to fill the existing storage facility tank. The Project does not propose to increase the storage capacity of the existing LNG storage tank and does not propose to relocate any of the existing cryogenic piping or vaporization equipment.

## WHERE WE ARE IN THE ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW PROCESS

The FERC is the lead federal agency responsible for conducting the Project's environmental review. In compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act, the FERC staff will prepare an environmental assessment (EA) for the proposed Project. Currently, the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT), Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management, and Rhode Island Coastal Resources Management Council are cooperating in the preparation of the EA. We approved National Grid's request to use the FERC's pre-filing process on July 2, 2015. On August 13, 2015, we attended a company-sponsored open house meeting in the Project area and participated in a site visit to examine the existing facilities and Project site for the new liquefaction facility. We issued a Notice of Intent to Prepare an EA on September 25, 2015, which sought public comments on the Project and conducted one public scoping meeting in the Project area on October 8, 2015. National Grid filed its Application for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity with the FERC on April 1, 2016. The application included final environmental resource reports (RRs) 1 through 13 that describe the proposed Project facilities, potential impacts on environmental resources, and the company's mitigation measures designed to minimize those impacts. Since that time, we have issued several information requests and National Grid has filed responses to the requests and other supplemental information. The RRs and other Project documents can be found at <http://elibrary.FERC.gov> under Docket No. CP16-121-000.

We are currently conducting our environmental, engineering, and safety analysis of the proposed Project. We have reviewed National Grid's April 1, 2016 application and issued environmental information requests to National Grid on May 20, 2016, June 3, 2016, November 17, 2016, and April 7, 2017 and engineering information requests on August 29, 2016, March 10, 2017, and April 4, 2017. We are also coordinating our evaluation of hazards and safety impacts with the DOT. On June 28, 2017, the DOT provided a letter to FERC stating that the DOT had no objection to National Grid's methodology for determining single accidental leakage sources to establish the Title 49 of the Code of Federal Regulations Part 193 siting requirements for its proposed Project. The results of this analysis will be presented in the EA, which will be mailed to the environmental mailing list. In addition, we are coordinating our evaluation of impacts on groundwater with the Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management under its Remediation Regulations, which include public involvement and approval of a Short Term Response Action Plan, both of which are pending. The results of these analyses will be presented in the EA. The EA will describe the potential environmental effects of the Project. It will also describe National Grid's proposed construction procedures and mitigation measures, and make recommendations for additional mitigation and/or conservation measures to avoid or further reduce effects on the environment. The Commission will consider the findings in the EA, along with all information on the record, including non-environmental information, when it makes its decision on whether to approve or deny the Project.

## ISSUES IDENTIFIED

The following environmental concerns have been raised during scoping on the Project:

- Project purpose and need
- Impacts on neighboring residential properties
- Environmental justice
- Impacts on public facilities
- Property values
- Employment opportunities
- Climate change and greenhouse gases
- Impacts on air quality near the facility
- Safety of nearby residences
- Cumulative impacts

