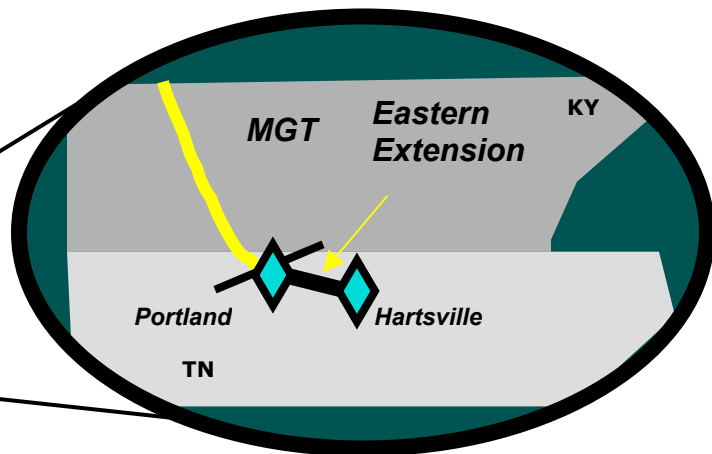

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**MIDWESTERN GAS
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MGT Existing System Map



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As we begin work on the Midwestern Gas Transmission Company (MGT) Eastern Extension Project (the Project), we know from experience that people will have a number of questions about our new Project and how these plans could potentially affect property owners.

I thought you might find it useful to have answers to some questions we are often asked. Questions we've answered here include some facts about our company, proposed route of the Project, safety and protecting sensitive areas. We've also tried to address some of the key topics of possible interest to people whose property may be involved in the Project. Finally, we've included a section on how you can get more information about the Project.

Of course, these questions are not all the questions that could be asked about the Project. And they may not be the questions that have come to your mind.

If you would like an answer to a question not addressed here, please call Jim Ehlers, toll-free, at 1-877-450-3206. MGT looks forward to hearing from you.

Mark Mickelberg
Project Manager

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About Pipelines and This Project

Who is MGT?

MGT owns an interstate natural gas pipeline system that is located between an interconnection with Tennessee Gas Pipeline Company near Portland, TN and a point of interconnection with several interstate pipeline systems near Joliet, IL. MGT's pipeline system connects with multiple pipeline systems providing bi-directional service to markets in Kentucky, Indiana, southern Illinois, as well as the Joliet/Chicago market hub. MGT's existing system consists of 350 miles of 30-inch and 24-inch diameter interstate natural gas transmission pipeline.

What is the function of a natural gas pipeline?

Natural gas pipelines safely transport large volumes of gas over long distances. They are specially designed and carefully constructed. Natural gas may be delivered into a pipeline at pipeline interconnects, wellheads, or processing plants near the gas fields. The gas moves through underground pipelines to customers in the pipelines' market area. These customers include local distribution companies, which resell the gas to residential and business customers. They also include electric utilities that use the natural gas to generate electricity.

What is the MGT Eastern Extension Project?

The MGT Eastern Extension Project involves the installation of approximately 30 miles of 16-inch diameter pipeline beginning at MGT's compressor station located near Portland, TN (in Sumner County) and traversing southeasterly to proposed interconnects with the interstate pipeline systems of Columbia Gulf Transmission Company (Columbia Gulf) and East Tennessee Natural Gas Company (East Tennessee) located near Hartsville, TN (both in Trousdale County).

What is the purpose of the MGT Eastern Extension Project?

The purpose of the Project is to transport 120 million cubic feet per day of natural gas pursuant to a transportation agreement with Piedmont Natural Gas Company. Nashville Gas is a part of Piedmont Natural Gas Company and serves residential, commercial and industrial customers in Sumner and Trousdale Counties.

What is the route of the pipeline?

The proposed pipeline route will begin at the MGT compressor station located near Portland, TN and traverse southeasterly to proposed interconnects with the interstate pipeline systems of Columbia Gulf and East Tennessee located near Hartsville, TN. The interconnect with Columbia Gulf will be located off Walnut Grove Road and the interconnect with East Tennessee will be located adjacent to an existing pipeline interconnect with East Tennessee and Texas Eastern Pipeline Company. Facilities at each of the proposed interconnects may include an ultrasonic meter with electronic flow measurement, flow control valve, remote communication systems, fencing, roadway, yard rock, security lighting and a control building.

Where will the natural gas come from?

The natural gas will come primarily from the Gulf Coast, Rocky Mountains, Mid-Continent and Canada through the Joliet/Chicago natural gas market hub and will be transported south through MGT's existing pipeline system.

About Safety:

How safe are natural gas pipelines?

Accidents are rare and usually result from outside forces or unauthorized action by someone other than the pipeline company. The United States Department of Transportation (DOT) enforces strict safety standards and requires safety checks.

Would the pipeline be underground?

Putting pipelines underground is a safety feature important to many people. All of the main pipeline in the Project would be underground. Equipment or facilities above ground would include isolation valves, pipeline launchers and receivers for internal pipeline inspection and interconnect measurement facilities. Having these facilities above ground will enable our professionals to properly control and maintain the pipeline system.

Typically, the pipeline is covered by a minimum of three feet of soil. Normally, the pipeline is installed beneath major bodies of water, such as rivers and streams.

How would MGT protect the pipeline and maximize the safe transportation of natural gas?

The DOT is responsible for setting the federal safety standard for natural gas pipelines and related facilities. Additionally, MGT has a safety program to ensure that people and properties are well protected throughout the life of a pipeline.

Safety During Construction

- Designing and constructing the pipeline to meet or exceed the government safety requirements.
- Using equipment and material that meet or exceed industry practices.
- Coating the steel pipe with special protective compounds to minimize rust or corrosion.
- Inspecting every weld joining each section either visually or with x-ray.
- Burying the pipeline with a minimum of 36 inches of ground cover, except in rock.
- Installing cathodic protection on all underground pipeline surfaces to further protect against corrosion.
- Prior to transporting gas through the pipe, each section of pipe is hydrostatically tested, using water at pressures higher than normal operating pressures.
- Inspecting each stage of construction using qualified inspectors.

We will help to ensure safe operations by:

- Maintaining the right-of-way to provide easy access.
- Patrolling the pipeline, on the ground and/or in the air, to make sure activities around the pipeline do not disturb or damage the right-of-way in any way.

- Continuously monitoring operations electronically from our gas control facility.
- Inspecting and lubricating all valves at least annually.
- Posting signs to indicate the location of the pipeline and a phone number to call before digging. We participate in the One Call program, which provides property owners and contractors with accurate information about the pipeline. It's also an easy way to let us know of any planned excavations near the pipeline.

We will help to respond effectively to possible problems and emergencies by:

- Continuously monitoring pressures electronically from our gas control facility.
- Training local authorities in preventing and responding to any pipeline-related problems.
- Supporting local authorities with professionals and services from MGT.

About Impacts on Sensitive Areas, Including the Environment:

What is MGT's commitment to protecting sensitive areas and the environment?

MGT is committed to protecting sensitive areas and the environment. This commitment extends through all aspects of the Project. We will work with all agencies to fully comply with all laws and regulations designed to protect sensitive areas. Beyond that, we have our own standards and procedures that help ensure that MGT professionals do their utmost to demonstrate care and respect for the possible effect of our activities on sensitive areas.

How would MGT protect sensitive areas, such as wetlands and culturally important sites?

First, we propose a route that avoids sensitive areas whenever possible. This route is based on detailed professional surveys and studies. Next, we are very careful during construction. We choose only qualified and experienced professional pipeline builders. We train and supervise them closely. By doing this, we can minimize the impact of construction activities. Finally, after construction, we ensure that the site is thoroughly cleaned up. Then, we restore the land, to the best of our ability, to its original condition.

Would Midwestern Gas Transmission use existing rights-of-way?

We study all reasonable route options including the use of existing or adjacent right-of-way. This includes rights-of-way for electric power lines, highways, railroads, or other pipelines.

What is the usual width of the right-of-way?

A pipeline normally requires a permanent 50-foot wide right-of-way. During construction, we will need an additional 25 to 50 foot workspace next to the permanent right-of-way. We might also need additional temporary workspace in certain areas, such as road, railroad or stream crossings, to accommodate particular construction activities.

How close would the pipeline get to residences?

Most often, pipelines are located well away from residences. We can estimate the closeness of the pipeline to residences involved in the Project once we have completed surveying the proposed route.

About Possible Property Owner Interests:

What is the role of a right-of way agent?

A right-of-way agent is a professional who works with property owners along a proposed pipeline route. An agent's role is to make certain an owner receives useful information about the Project. If you are the owner of property that may be involved with this Project, you can treat the right-of-way agent as your primary contact person with MGT. The right-of-way agent will be available to meet with you throughout the Project. He or she will listen to your comments and suggestions. Your agent will also work with you to obtain an easement agreement. This will provide us with the legal rights needed to install and operate the pipeline and any related facilities. Your agent will also make sure your voice is heard in decisions made regarding the Project.

What rights do owners have with respect to having a pipeline located on their property?

Property owners are entitled by law to receive compensation for having a pipeline on their property. Our goal is to negotiate with the property owners to receive approvals through a signed easement for needed property rights. During this process, we plan to also work with property owners to address specific interests they may have.

How will property owners be compensated for their land?

We first need to determine the value of the property and how the pipeline construction will affect it. Qualified local real estate appraisers may be used by MGT to help make this assessment. Our offer would be based on their appraisals.

What happens if an owner and MGT can't agree?

Our experience is that most property owners agree to participate in a pipeline project like this one by signing an easement at an agreed price. In a small number of cases, an agreement cannot be reached. If this occurs, MGT may acquire the easement under eminent domain with a court procedure determining compensation.

How far in advance would a property owner be notified that survey or other crews would be coming on their land?

We will make an effort to provide at least 24 hours advance notice to those property owners who have given us permission to survey before we start survey activities.

Will property owners be able to use right-of-way land after construction?

In most cases, property owners will be able to use the pipeline right-of-way just as they did before construction. For example, agricultural activities such as growing crops and pasturing livestock can resume as soon as the land is ready. We will need to operate the pipeline safely, so some restrictions may apply. The effect of these restrictions would be addressed as part of an easement agreement.

How will the pipeline impact water wells and springs?

We will identify all drinking-water supply wells and springs within 150 feet of construction work areas. Potential mitigation for these resources can include special trench breakers, dewatering methods, well monitoring and restrictions on refueling and storage of hazardous materials (generally prohibit refueling and hazardous material storage within 200 foot radius of private wells and 400 feet of community and

municipal wells). If a spring has some potable purpose, we would try to avoid, mitigate, restore like any other water supply. Other seeps would be temporarily diverted during construction and contours and drainage patterns restored to as near pre-construction conditions as possible following construction. Typical potable water supply mitigation includes providing temporary sources of potable water, restoration, repair or replacement of water supplies.

How will pipeline construction impact septic systems?

MGT's first recourse is to avoid crossing septic systems. If avoidance is not possible, MGT will develop a site-specific plan for crossing that would provide alternate septic treatment during construction and repair and restoration of system during final clean up. For residences that would be located within 25 feet of work areas, MGT is required to provide FERC a site-specific plan that details all construction and mitigation procedures.

About Communication and More Information:

Who is the primary contact for owners of property involved in the project?

The right-of-way agent assigned to work with an owner would be the property owner's primary contact throughout the Project; but if your right-of-way agent is not able to address all questions or concerns, please call Jim Ehlers, Contract Agent, Supervisor, Right-of-Way, toll free at 1-877-450-3206.

Where can someone go to learn more about this project?

The Commission's staff will be a reliable source of information. Staff members can be reached toll free at 1-866-208-3372. The mailing address is:

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
Office of External Affairs
888 First Street, NE
Washington, DC 20426

Information such as "An Interstate Natural Gas Facility on my Land? What Do I Need to Know?" is also available through the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's website, www.ferc.gov. User assistance for the website is available at 1-866-208-3676.

If my property is involved with the project, when will I hear from Midwestern Gas Transmission again?

A right-of-way agent will ask for your permission to conduct surveying on your property. You will be contacted after the surveying is complete. At that time, we will be able to let you know if your property is involved with the proposed route. Also, as an owner of land that may be involved with the Project, you will continue to receive information from us. We will provide more detail on topics presented here and other questions that have been raised.