



December 10, 2013

Ms. Kimberly D Bose, Secretary  
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission  
888 First Street, N.E.  
Washington, D.C. 20426

Re: Millenium, Hungry Hill Compressor Station, Long Eddy, NY Docket - CP13-14

Dear Ms. Bose,

Delaware Riverkeeper Network (DRN) was alerted through two pollution hotline calls to our offices of a blowdown and subsequent air emission releases at the Hungry Hill Compressor Station currently being constructed in Hancock NY in the Upper Delaware River Watershed on December 5<sup>th</sup> and December 7<sup>th</sup>, 2013. On December 9<sup>th</sup>, DRN sent correspondence to FERC's enforcement hotline system via email to ensure FERC was aware of these methane releases and the evacuation since a query on the FERC docket on 12/9/13 yielded no information about these air pollution incidents which involved the evacuation of a nearby family due to reports that the blow down was above 100 decibels (for several hours). Today a news report from the Sullivan County Democrat provides additional information about the accident: <http://sc-democrat.com/news/2013December/10/news.htm>

DRN respectfully requests that the responsible party address and fully explain the details, amount of methane released, emergency response steps taken by the responsible party, and cause of the releases that spurred evacuation of a nearby family in a separate report submitted on the FERC record, so that the public is made aware of what appears to be two separate large methane releases over the past few days. This information is important since the construction is in its early phases and is not projected to be completed until April 2014 and the community has concerns about cumulative impact of routine and non-routine blowdowns and the release of methane into the air. DRN also requests any air emission data and planned air monitoring to document future potential emissions be shared with the community. We understand from the news report that approximately 10 miles of methane gas in the pipeline was released – we request if no monitoring was conducted at the time, that an estimate is calculated for this release based on the pipeline conditions at the time and be made available on the FERC docket for this project. We also request that in addition to the special report, that Millenium also provides these details in the upcoming scheduled bi-weekly report. We understand from Millenium's website, [http://www.millenniumpipeline.com/hancock\\_compressor.html](http://www.millenniumpipeline.com/hancock_compressor.html) on the project that, "The compressor station will be monitored 24-hours-a-day, 365-days-a-year from Millennium's remote monitoring facility. This facility can shut down the compressor station very quickly if readings register outside accepted operating

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standards.” What measures does Millenium have in place to monitor conditions during construction of the compressor?

Since Delaware Riverkeeper Network continues to get calls from the community with concerns about the Hungry Hill Compressor Station, we also request that FERC share with the community how these incidents are required to be reported and what is the protocol for the release of information about the incidents during and after the incident so we may better inform our members who live and work in that area. For instance, is there an agreement with local emergency management, municipal officials, and first responders and/regional or state entities to notify them of the expectation of a potentially dangerous incident or the need for evacuation or community notification and where can that information be found? Is their follow up with local officials and the public after an event to take steps to ensure improvements in response are made when future issues arise? Is Millenium required to provide information on the project website and press releases so that the public is truly informed about these releases that affect air quality and could cause harm? Please inform us in respect of this letter so we may share this important information with the local residents and our members who have contacted us about these incidents through our hotline number.

We look forward to a response and thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Maya K. van Rossum".

Maya K. van Rossum  
Delaware Riverkeeper Network

cc. New York DEC  
Joanne Wachholder, FERC