



CLEAR AND PRESENT DANGER:

THE HUNGRY HILL COMPRESSOR STATION

Those who attended the Thursday August 2nd FERC meeting at the Hancock High School must have been impressed by the compelling testimony that proved Hungry Hill is an inappropriate location for a compressor station. At least eleven area residents spoke; some talked about the negative impact the station would have on quality of life and real estate values, but the overarching theme of the evening was public safety.

Person after person testified that Hungry Hill Road is a steep, narrow dirt road that is occasionally impassable during inclement weather and that it lacks a second means of egress during winter months. In case of an emergency, residents could be trapped, while fire trucks and other first responders would be unable to reach the site.

To make matters worse, the Long Eddy Volunteer Fire Department, the nearest fire company, has just seven members, only one of whom passed a recent physical exam. And the department doesn't own a single foam truck – the kind of vehicle that was used to extinguish the recent fire at a compressor station in Windsor, New York.

TOXIC EMISSIONS

Area resident, Daniel Martinez, provided sobering testimony about the toxic atmospheric emissions from compressor stations. Another proposed [station](#) (in Buffalo Township, PA), will be two thirds the size of the 15,900 horse power station proposed for Hungry Hill, yet it will have estimated annual emissions of:

- 58.7 tons of nitrogen oxide
- 49.0 tons of carbon monoxide
- 49.2 tons of volatile organic compounds
- 5.97 tons of particulate matter

2.86 tons of formaldehyde
7.58 tons of hazardous air pollutants
And 89,422 tons of greenhouse gases

What's makes this even more troubling is the news that EPA recently announced that it may [lower air emission standards](#) for compressor stations in rural areas – and Millennium refuses to say it won't expand the Hungry Hill station in the future.

“A BIG FIREBALL”

The July 23rd compressor station fire in Windsor shed some light on what might be in store for any community that plays host to a compressor station. Broome County Fire Coordinator Brett Chellis said lightning hit an exhaust vent and ignited a [“big fireball”](#) that shot hundreds of feet into the air and forced the evacuation of surrounding homes. Neighboring residents who were interviewed about the fire took the opportunity to complain that the station was [“very noisy and can be very loud in the middle of the night”](#).

JOBS, BUT WHO WILL GET THEM?

The few comments in favor of the compressor station mainly concerned the jobs it might bring to the area. While the project would create some short term construction jobs, Millennium has refused to commit to hiring locally.

ON TAPE

[Shaleshock Media](#) videotaped the entire hearing. *It's not posted yet, but we'll let you know when you can see in online.*

YOUR COMMENTS ARE IMPORTANT

The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) encourages the public to comment on the proposed project. To comment online at <http://www.ferc.gov/> go to [eFiling](#) and follow the instructions.

Written comments can be mailed to:

Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

888 First Street NE, Room 1A
Washington, DC 20426

The entire FERC docket on the Hungry Hill station can be found in the [eLibrary](#). Enter docket number **PF12-10**.

If you'd like to receive further communications about the Hungry Hill compressor station but you're not on this email thread, contact us at info@catskillcitizens.org. If you don't want to receive these updates, let us know.