

**PUBLIC NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR CONVERSION OF
LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION FUNDED LANDS**

New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection

Notice of Application for Conversion of Lands Acquired with Land and Water Conservation Funds within the 6(f) Boundary located in Block 82.13, Lot 57.01 in Clinton Township, Hunterdon County, New Jersey.

Take Notice that in accordance with the Land and Water Conservation Fund Act, 16 U.S.C. §§ 4601-4 through 4601-11, the State of New Jersey, Department of Environmental Protection (“NJDEP”), has submitted an application to the National Park Service (“NPS”) for the proposed conversion of 2.219 acres of lands located within Block 82.13, Lot 57.01 as shown on the official tax map of the Township of Clinton in Hunterdon County, New Jersey (“conversion area”). The proposed conversion is needed by Transcontinental Gas Pipe Line Company, LLC (“Transco”) in order to construct a 42-inch diameter natural gas pipeline in connection with its Northeast Supply Link Project (the “Project”) The lands proposed for conversion are owned by the County of Hunterdon as part of its South Branch River Reservation (also known as the South Branch Reservation) but were purchased by the County using LWCF funds under a grant agreement between the NJDEP and the NPS. The proposed conversion area consists of 2.219 acres in total (1.228 acres for a new permanent pipeline right of way/easement and 0.991 acres for temporary work space during construction of the new pipeline). As compensation for the proposed conversion, Transco will compensate the County and/or NJDEP with a sufficient amount of money to be used towards the acquisition of replacement land which will be of at least equal fair market value and of reasonably equivalent usefulness and location to the proposed conversion area.

The Project will provide an additional 250,000 dekatherms per day (dt/day) of firm incremental transportation service from various receipt points on Transco’s Leidy Line in Pennsylvania to various delivery points along Transco’s Mainline and Leidy systems in Pennsylvania, New Jersey and New York. Project information is available at www.ferc.gov (Docket No. CP12-30-000).

In accordance with the NPS conversion process, the NJDEP is now seeking public comment on the conversion application which is posted on the NJDEP’s website at www.nj.gov/dep/greenacres/nesl.html . Persons wishing to do so may submit written comments to:

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The public comment period will close on October 28, 2012.

DATE: September 20, 2012

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