

NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION

NOTICE OF PUBLIC COMMENT HEARING AND PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

DATE: February 3, 2021

APPLICANT: The Brooklyn Union Gas Company
1 Metrotech Ctr
Brooklyn, NY 11201 -3831

Facility: Greenpoint Energy Ctr
287 Maspeth Ave
Brooklyn, NY 11211

NYSDEC APPLICATION ID NUMBERS: 2-6101-00071/00024

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC) has prepared a draft permit and has made a tentative determination to issue an Air State Facility (ASF) permit to The Brooklyn Union Gas Company (doing business as National Grid) for the operation of their existing permitted Air Title V (ATV) facility, Greenpoint Energy Ctr ("Facility"), located at 287 Maspeth Avenue in Brooklyn.

The Facility's current actual emissions of oxides of nitrogen (NO_x) are below the Title V major source threshold of 25 tons per year. Therefore, this application proposes to downgrade the current ATV to an ASF Permit by capping facility-wide NO_x emissions to 24.9 tons per year. The Title V permit (DEC ID: 2-6101-00071/00022) will be relinquished and discontinued upon ASF issuance.

With this application, the Facility also proposes to install: two (2) new Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) injection heaters, each equipped with two (2) 4.0 MMBtu/hr burners for a total of 4 burners with total capacity of 16 MMBtu/hr; and two (2) new 42.76 MMBtu/hr vaporizers be used to vaporize liquid natural gas (LNG).

The Facility currently operates three (3) 300 KW natural gas-fired engine-generators to supply electricity for LNG related equipment, two (2) 195 bhp natural gas-fired engine driven compressed natural gas (CNG) refueling compressors, and one manual paint coating line; all of which will remain unchanged. The Facility also operates several small natural gas-fired boilers and air conditioners used for comfort heating or cooling and potable hot water, all of which qualify as exempt or trivial sources under 6 NYCRR Part 201.

With this application, the two new CNG heaters will supplement natural gas supply by injecting CNG delivered by trucks as needed during periods of peak demand. Each burner will exhaust through individual stack for a total of four (4) new stacks. The two new vaporizers will exhaust through individual stacks and are proposed to meet the increased demand for natural gas and increase the Facility's send out capacity. As per the terms of the draft permit, facility-wide NO_x emissions are capped at 24.9 tons per year, including exempt and trivial activity sources. Records demonstrating compliance with this cap will be kept in accordance with the permit specific conditions.

The Facility is subject to the provisions of State Facility requirements specified under 6 NYCRR 201-7. The Air State Facility permit contains a listing of the applicable federal, State, and compliance monitoring requirements for the facility.

STATE ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY REVIEW ACT (SEQRA):

Project is an Unlisted Action and will not have a significant impact on the environment. A Negative Declaration is on file. A coordinated review was not performed.

SEQR Lead Agency: None Designated

NOTICE OF COMPLETE APPLICATION:

NYSDEC issued a Notice of Complete Application on November 10, 2020.

ADDITIONAL REGULATORY PROVISIONS:

State Historic Preservation Act (SHPA) Determination:

The proposed activity is not subject to review in accordance with SHPA. The application type is exempt and/or the project involves the continuation of an existing operational activity.

Coastal Zone Management: This project is located in a Coastal Management area and is subject to the Waterfront Revitalization and Coastal Resources Act.

DOCUMENT AVAILABILITY: The draft permit is available for public review on the internet at the following website:

NYSDEC Website: <https://www.dec.ny.gov/permits/121927.html> OR at:
[greenpointenergycenter.com](https://www.greenpointenergycenter.com)

Hard Copies of these documents can also be requested from National Grid by contacting National Grid at airpermit@greenpointenergycenter.com or telephone 718-749-9539 or

LEGISLATIVE PUBLIC COMMENT HEARING: A legislative public comment hearing on the draft permit will be held before Administrative Law Judge (ALJ) Molly T. McBride to receive unsworn statements from the public at **6:00 P.M. on Wednesday March 10, 2021 through the Webex Events electronic webinar platform.** All persons, organizations, corporations or government agencies that may be affected by the proposed project are invited to attend the legislative public comment hearing and to submit oral comments on the draft permit. Instructions on the how to “join” the hearing and provide an oral statement may be accessed at the NYSDEC webpage <https://www.dec.ny.gov/enb/122278.html>

Persons who wish to receive the instructions by mail or telephone may call the NYSDEC at 518-402-9003. Please provide your first and last name, address, and telephone number and reference the National Grid Greenpoint Energy Center public comment hearing.

The ALJ may restrict the time available for oral comments to three (3) minutes for each person, to ensure that all persons will have an opportunity to be heard. It is recommended that lengthy comments be summarized for oral presentation and submitted in writing as indicated below. Equal weight will be given to both oral and written comments.

Interpreter services shall be made available to deaf persons, and language interpreter services for individuals with difficulty understanding or reading English, at no charge, upon written request to

the ALJ identified above, at least ten (10) business days prior to the hearing. The written request must be addressed to ALJ Molly McBride, NYSDEC Office of Hearings and Mediation Services, 625 Broadway, 1st Floor, Albany, NY 12233-1550 or emailed to ALJ McBride at ohms@dec.ny.gov.

WRITTEN PUBLIC COMMENTS: All interested parties may submit written comment concerning the draft permit to the NYSDEC Contact Person listed below by March 17, 2021. Comments sent by regular mail must be postmarked no later than March 17, 2021. E-mail comments must be received by 5:00 p.m. (EDT) on that date.

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