

**New York State Department of Environmental Conservation**  
**Division of Environmental Permits**

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Request for Additional Information

RE: DEC ID# 2-6101-00071/00024  
GREENPOINT ENERGY CTR

The Brooklyn Union Gas Company  
1 METROTECH CTR  
BROOKLYN, NY 11201-3831

Dear Applicant:

On 11/2/2020 your application was determined to be complete. However, subsequent technical review of your application shows the following information is required to make findings and determinations required by the Environmental Conservation Law:

In order to assess the sufficiency of the environmental analysis and review that was performed, which was based on information provided in the application package by National Grid, the Department requests additional information to clarify some points raised in public comments.

Please review the following questions and provide the information requested below:

1. The permit application for the proposed project [to install two (2) new LNG vaporizers (proposed LNG vaporizers 13 and 14)], assigned DEC ID: 2-6101-00071/00024, does not mention the Metropolitan Reliability Infrastructure (MRI) project. Numerous written and verbal comments received to date have stated that the proposed LNG vaporization project is linked to the MRI project through the rate case currently in front of the New York State Department of Public Service ([DPS 19-G-0309/10](#)). National Grid has previously stated (verbally) in the legislative (public comment) hearing presentations on March 10, 11, and 18, 2021 that although the two projects are proposed to be funded under the same rate case, the proposed installation of LNG vaporizers 13 and 14 and the MRI project are independent and LNG vaporizers 13 and 14 are needed to support customers by ensuring adequate supply to meet peak demand with or without MRI.

Numerous commenters also describe a link between the vaporizers and an LNG trucking proposal that was included in discussions in the rate case.

Please confirm that these projects are functionally independent; specifically, explain and expand on National Grid's assertions that the vaporizers are not linked to the MRI project and have independent utility (or not dependent upon each other). Please clarify any commonality in the purpose or goal of these projects and address all components of the rate case, including but not limited to the relation of the MRI project to the proposed vaporizer project and any LNG trucking project components involved in the rate case.

2. In addition to the MRI project, numerous commentors have stated that the proposed LNG vaporization project is “related” or “intertwined” with other projects, including: (1) a new LNG truck station that would enable the transport of LNG by truck to the Greenpoint Energy Center; (2) Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) transfer stations or CNG sites to allow for additional CNG trailers/ trucking; and (3) a gas transmission pipeline.

Please confirm whether the LNG vaporization project is a component of an overall plan identified by National Grid for which additional phases and/or projects are proposed. If so, please clarify and describe the relationship between any such additional phases and/or projects. Please make sure to explain if: (1) plans or information on future project phases is speculative; (2) future phases may not occur; and/or (3) any future phases or projects are functionally independent. Please also confirm whether any of the interrelated phases of these various projects can be considered functionally dependent on the LNG vaporizer project.

In addition to the information requested above, please provide a brief description of any or all interrelated projects or phases in order to confirm NYSDEC’s jurisdiction and any potential overlap with the LNG vaporizer project. Please make sure to identify any NYSDEC permits that may be required and fully explain any funding, approvals that may be required by any federal, state or local agency that may be required. For example, please describe whether any construction dewatering is required to facilitate future phases of the MRI project and if so, confirm whether a NYSDEC Long Island Well permit would be required.

3. In the event that DPS does not fully adopt National Grid’s proposal associated with the proposed rate increase (i.e., rejects it in whole, in part, or, modifies the proposal by adopting changes [proposed by participating parties, the public or DPS] such that the rate request proposal no longer includes work associated with the next phases of the MRI project), please confirm whether National Grid would still proceed with the proposed installation of LNG vaporizers 13 &14?

Depending on the responses provided, additional information may be needed to further evaluate the project.

Pursuant to 6NYCRR621.14(b) this information must be provided by 4/1/2021. Failure to provide this information by the date specified in this request may be grounds for denial of your application.

If you have questions or need more time to provide this information, please contact me at the address above.

Sincerely,



Caitlyn P Nichols  
Division of Environmental Permits