Facts about the North Brooklyn “MRI” Pipeline project that National Grid does not reveal:

- This is not about “modernizing” our system for heating and cooking. This is about an expansion to charge rate-payers an increase and grow profits for National Grid’s shareholders.
- This is a transmission pipeline. It will not service the affected community where the already trafficked main thoroughfares and already stressed trucking routes for local businesses will be dug up.
- This project holds us back on our renewable energy goals. We should be mandating any gas pipelines should be replaced with shared geothermal loops, and energy efficiency measures in our buildings.
- Gas pipelines are not safe. Filed in the United State Pipeline and Hazardous Safety Materials Administration (PHMSA) from 2016-2018 there was an average of 639 pipeline incidents per year resulting in 15 fatalities, 72 injuries, and a cost to the public nearly $600million\(^1\)
- Fracking exacerbates climate change. Methane is 86-101 times worse for atmospheric warming than carbon dioxide. Climate change is destroying Earth’s ability to sustain life.
- The industry coined the term “natural” gas to create the sense that it is clean, but the extraction, transport and burning of this gas destroys the health of our water, land, and air. Additionally, there are high levels of radon in this fracked gas from PA, and detrimental to asthma patients, children, pets.
- A report\(^2\) authored by Suzanne Mattei, former DEC Regional Director notes National Grid does not have gas constraints, this is a manufactured crisis to keep business-as-usual, keep us hooked on fossil fuels, and charge rate-payers for construction well after the lifespan of this pipeline. This makes your constituents pay for the company’s stranded assets.
- This project is disguised as a local upgrade by segmentation, while it is a much larger project leading to an LNG (Liquefied Natural Gas) depot, CNG (Compressed Natural Gas) and other fracking infrastructure facilities in Greenpoint.
- National Grid is requesting almost 185 million ratepayer dollars over the next three years to complete the project.

Our ask

We ask that you stand with us in opposition to this pipeline, spread the word via your channels, to highlight the injustice of corporate utilities building more fracked gas infrastructure in NYC that harms our health, safety, and democracy, and leaves residents footing the bill for corporate utility shareholders private profits, and keeps us locked into a fossil fuel economy, and further from a

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genuine renewable transformative economy. Urge the City of NYC Administration, NYC Council, The NYS Department of Public Service and Commission, and Governor Cuomo to deny this project.

FURTHER INFORMATION:

Phase 5: PROPOSED NOW National Grid only revealed the map of this project to us when we asked 3 times in via Interrogatory queries as Parties to the current Rate Case. Originally, they only presented information about the destination point at Maspeth Ave. They claimed in previous phases, and this current phase they do excellent community outreach, which we find to be the contrary. Analysts at FracTracker Alliance made the following evacuation map for us. National Grid told us they have no evacuation plan.

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