## NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED PROJECT AND FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE RELATING THERETO

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing pursuant to Section 859-a(2) of the General Municipal Law of the State of New York (the "Act") will be held by Schoharie County Industrial Development Agency (the "Agency") on the 27th day of August, 2015 at 7:00 o'clock p.m., local time, in the Board Chambers on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor of the Schoharie County Office Building, located at 284 Main Street, Town of Schoharie, Schoharie County, New York in connection with the following matters:

Iroquois Gas Transmission System, L.P., a Delaware limited liability company (the "Company"), is the owner of the following: (A) an approximately 12.4 mile gas transmission pipeline (the "Transmission Line") located in the Towns of Wright, Schoharie, Esperance and Carlisle (collectively, the "Towns"), Schoharie County, New York, and (B) a parcel of land containing approximately 53.2 acres located at 320 Westfall Road in the Town of Wright, Schoharie County, New York (the "Land"), together with the improvements located thereon containing in the aggregate approximately 16,500 square feet of space (the "Compressor Station" and, with the Transmission Line, collectively referred to as the "Facility") (the Land and the Facility hereinafter collectively referred to as the "Project Facility"), all of the foregoing to constitute a gas transmission and compressor/meter facility owned and operated by the Company and other directly and indirectly related activities.

The Company, Schoharie County (the "County"), the Towns, and Schoharie Central School District (the "School District") (the County, the Towns and the School District collectively referred to as the "Taxing Jurisdictions") have been involved in an Article 7 proceeding under the Real Property Tax Law regarding the assessed values of the real property relating to the Project Facility (the "Iroquois Proceeding").

Pursuant to a Stipulation and Settlement and Order (the "Order"), a draft of which has been presented to the Agency, the Company and the Taxing Jurisdictions desire to settle the Iroquois Proceeding.

Under the Order, the Company and the Taxing Jurisdictions have agreed to request (the "Request") the Agency to enter into a payment in lieu of tax agreement (the "PILOT Agreement") to provide for the terms of the settlement of the Iroquois Proceeding described in the Order.

Pursuant to the Order, the Company has submitted an application (the "Application") to the Agency, a copy of which Application is on file at the office of the Agency, which Application requested that the Agency consider undertaking a project (the "Project") consisting of the following: (A) the acquisition of an interest in Project Facility; (B) the granting of certain "financial assistance" (within the meaning of Section 854(14) of the Act) with respect to the foregoing, including potential exemptions from certain real property taxes (collectively, the "Financial Assistance"); and (C) the lease (with an obligation to purchase) or sale of the Project Facility to the Company or such other person as may be designated by the Company and agreed upon by the Agency.

The Agency is considering whether (A) to undertake the Project, and (B) to provide certain exemptions from taxation with respect to the Project, including exemption from real property taxes (but not including special assessments and special ad valorem levies), if any, with respect to the Project Facility, subject to the obligation of the Company to make payments in lieu of taxes with respect to the Project Facility. If any portion of the Financial Assistance to be granted by the Agency with respect to the Project is not consistent with the Agency's uniform tax exemption policy, the Agency will follow the

procedures for deviation from such policy set forth in Section 874(4) of the Act prior to granting such portion of the Financial Assistance.

If the Agency determines to proceed with the Project, the Project Facility will be acquired by the Agency and will be leased (with an obligation to purchase) or sold by the Agency to the Company or its designee pursuant to a project agreement (the "Agreement") requiring that the Company or its designee make certain payments to the Agency.

The Agency has not yet made a determination pursuant to Article 8 of the Environmental Conservation Law (the "SEQR Act") regarding the potential environmental impact of the Project.

The Agency will at said time and place hear all persons with views on either the location and nature of the proposed Project, or the Financial Assistance being contemplated by the Agency in connection with the proposed Project. A copy of the Application filed by the Company with the Agency with respect to the Project, including an analysis of the costs and benefits of the Project, is available for public inspection during business hours at the offices of the Agency. A transcript or summary report of the hearing will be made available to the members of the Agency.

Additional information can be obtained from, and written comments may be addressed to: Ronald S. Filmer, Jr., Chief Executive Officer, Schoharie County Industrial Development Agency, 349 Mineral Springs Road, Cobleskill, New York 12043; Telephone: 518-234-7604.

Dated: August 10,2015.

SCHOHARIE COUNTY INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY

BY: s/Ronald S. Filmer, Jr., Chief Executive Officer