

Eminent Domain Attorneys File Motion to Protect Ohio Landowners Likely Affected By NEXUS Pipeline

Lawyers preemptive strike to prevent families from losing their properties without prior fair hearing and just compensation

Columbus, OH (December 15, 2015) — [Goldman & Braunstein, LLP](#) has filed a motion with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) to intervene in the application proceeding of Spectra Energy Partners, LP (Spectra) for the proposed NEXUS natural gas pipeline (FERC Case No. CP16-22). Spectra, a subsidiary of Houston-based Spectra Energy Corp, one of the largest natural gas infrastructure conglomerates in North America, is attempting to use FERC's application proceeding to expedite the timeline for building the NEXUS pipeline across northern Ohio. The Columbus, Ohio-based law firm currently represents more than 50 Ohio landowners affected by Nexus, and expects that more will join.

"Once FERC approves the NEXUS project, Spectra will have the power of eminent domain under federal law to acquire the land they need, with or without the landowners' consent," says Michael Braunstein, a partner with the firm. "Our motion to intervene in the FERC proceeding is intended to ensure that these landowners' rights are protected to the fullest extent possible."

In a typical eminent domain case, a lawsuit is filed, and the filing company has the right to take the land only after an eminent domain trial is completed and the landowner has been fairly compensated. Spectra is seeking an accelerated timeline that will give Spectra the power to immediately seize land before the landowner has had their day in court and been fully compensated.

"The right of immediate seizure, which Spectra is asserting, is rarely granted and is generally reserved only for governmental use under very narrow circumstances," explains Braunstein. "The federal law that grants Spectra the power of eminent domain does not grant the right of immediate seizure and it is our contention that the NEXUS schedule is improperly based on that additional right."

"Our intervention on behalf of the landowners is necessary to protect the landowners' fundamental property rights guaranteed by both the U.S. and Ohio Constitutions," continues Braunstein. "Without intervention, these landowners face permanent and irreparable harm."

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Goldman & Braunstein are recognized legal experts for Ohio property owners facing potential eminent domain issues. They are dedicated to exclusively representing landowners. Both attorneys have extensive backgrounds in development, zoning and construction. Michael Braunstein, a professor emeritus at The Ohio State University, is the author of widely used textbooks on eminent domain and property law. William A. Goldman is one of two eminent domain attorneys listed in Ohio Super Lawyers. For more information visit www.GBlegal.net or www.Ohiopipelineresults.com.