

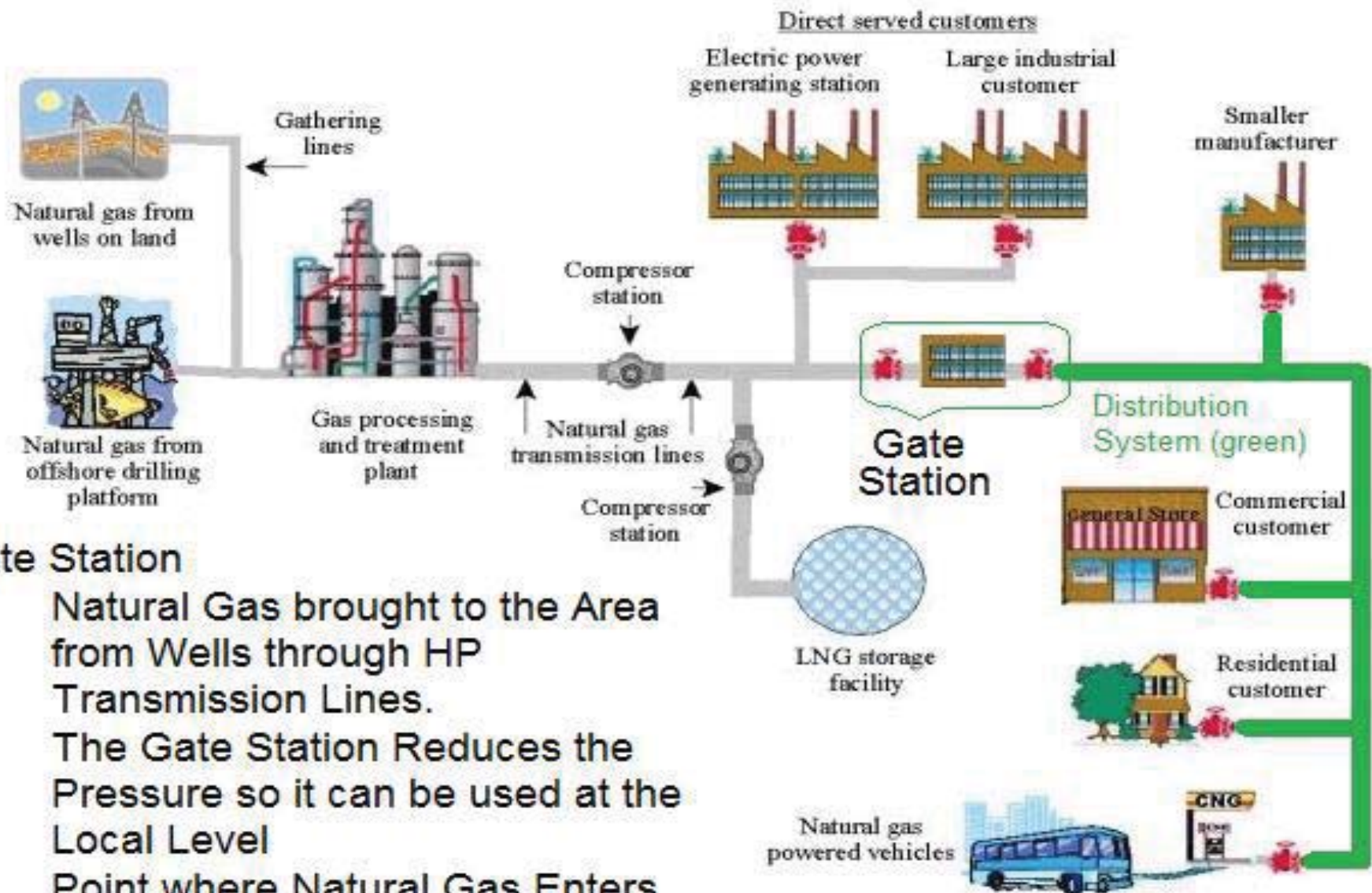
Hopkinton Gas Distribution Integrity Project

West Hopkinton Gate Station

Project Need

- Designed to increase system reliability and redundancy for current customers, as well as future projected growth
- The new gate station will serve as a source of redundancy and additional capacity for West Hopkinton growth
- Additional Eversource pipelines that supply gas to the area from other sources are reaching capacity
- An additional high pressure (HP) point of supply will increase system capacity
- The project will allow for developments in Hopkinton to utilize natural gas

What is a Gate Station



Gate Station

- Natural Gas brought to the Area from Wells through HP Transmission Lines.
- The Gate Station Reduces the Pressure so it can be used at the Local Level
- Point where Natural Gas Enters the Local Distribution System

Regulatory Approvals

- Local and State regulatory agency approvals are required for site development
 - **Town of Hopkinton:**
 - Wetland Protection Act and Local Bylaw Permit Application
 - Will include public hearing, notice in local newspaper, and direct notification of abutters
 - Permanent impacts to wetlands not anticipated
 - Will include compensatory mitigation to offset temporary impacts to wetlands
 - Possibly other municipal approvals TBD

Regulatory Approvals

- **Massachusetts Department of Public Utilities**
 - Zoning Exemption Petition (M.G.L. c. 40A, § 3)
 - Requests for relief of the Hopkinton Zoning Bylaw regarding use and the preservation of the 50' vegetative buffer
 - Eversource will comply with the majority of Zoning Bylaws (including - Dimensional variances- less than 25% of lot developed, Side yard setbacks of 25', Set back from street line of 60', Maximum heights of nonresidential project of 35', Minimum lot size, Minimum frontage, Minimum rear yard depth)
 - Petition will consider all impacts of site development and mitigation to offset any unavoidable impacts
 - Will include public hearing and public comment period

Outreach in Hopkinton

- November 8, 2016 Project Introduction to Town Officials
- February 28, 2017 Public Open House
- March 22, 2017 Apple Hill Condo Trustee and Owner Meeting
- April 19, 2017 Project Update to Town and School Officials
- April 25, 2017 Board of Selectmen Presentation
- Upcoming meeting with the Fire Chief and Police Chief
- A website will be constructed with answers to frequently asked questions