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February 10, 2015

Ms. Nancy Harrington
Town Council Chair
Town of Merrimack, NH
6 Baboosic Lake Rd
Merrimack, NH 03054-3605

Dear Ms. Harrington:

Thank you for contacting me regarding Kinder Morgan's proposed Northeast Energy Direct (NED) project. I appreciate hearing from you.

The proposed NED project is an expansion of Kinder Morgan's existing natural gas infrastructure in Pennsylvania, New York, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, and Connecticut.

As you may know, in September 2014, Kinder Morgan filed a request to begin the pre-filing process with the Federal Energy Regulatory Committee (FERC), which is tasked with issuing certificates for interstate natural gas pipelines. During this phase, Kinder Morgan will continue the process of researching possible routes and consulting with property owners as well as FERC. On December 8, 2014, Kinder Morgan notified FERC that it was changing its preferred route for the project.

Most recently, on January 14, 2015, I led members of the New Hampshire delegation in sending a letter to FERC and Kinder Morgan, asking them to provide the public, municipal officials, and our offices with additional information on the timeline for the current pre-filing phase. The letters also urged them to extend that timeline to ensure that New Hampshire residents have a full and equal opportunity to understand, assess, and comment on this project before any decisions are made finalizing the project or its route. For your convenience, the letters that I sent along with the New Hampshire delegation are attached here.

Previously, on October 15, 2014, I joined with members of the New Hampshire delegation in sending a letter to FERC asking that it consider the issues raised by local residents and municipalities while it conducts its review of Kinder Morgan's application. Additionally, on October 6, 2014, I joined members of the New Hampshire delegation in sending a letter to Kinder Morgan calling on the company to work together with local communities during the pre-filing period to take into account the concerns of state officials and affected citizens.

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While I fully understand the need for increased natural gas infrastructure in the northeast to meet growing demand, I believe Kinder Morgan and regulators must give residents ample opportunity to voice their concerns as the proposed project undergoes required federal and state reviews.

Again, thank you for taking the time to contact me. It is important for me to hear from you regarding the current issues affecting New Hampshire and our nation. Please do not hesitate to be in touch again if I may be of further assistance.

Sincerely,



Kelly A. Ayotte
U. S. Senator

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Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

January 14, 2015

Mr. Allen Fore, Director
Public Affairs
Kinder Morgan
3250 Lacey Road, Suite 700
Downers Grove, IL 60515

Dear Mr. Fore:

We request that Kinder Morgan provide New Hampshire stakeholders a full opportunity to meaningfully express their views regarding Kinder Morgan's proposed Northeast Energy Direct Project, Docket N. PF14-22-000, before any final or binding decision is made regarding the route for this pipeline project.

On December 8, 2014, Kinder Morgan filed a New Hampshire Powerline Alternative route with FERC. The new proposal shifts much of the pipeline out of northern Massachusetts – where it was originally planned – to southern New Hampshire. Specifically, the new proposed route would impact the following towns and cities in New Hampshire: Winchester, Richmond, Troy, Fitzwilliam, Rindge, New Ipswich, Greenville, Mason, Milford, Brookline, Amherst, Merrimack, Litchfield, Londonderry, Hudson, Windham, Pelham, and Salem.

The citizens and municipalities along the initial proposed route benefited from several months to receive and review information, to analyze and deliberate, and to ask questions and express concerns. We strongly believe the citizens and municipalities in New Hampshire, many of whom have just learned that they may be directly impacted by this pipeline project, deserve an equal opportunity.

It is imperative that the proposed Northeast Energy Direct Project go through a thorough federal review that provides affected stakeholders in New Hampshire with a meaningful opportunity to participate and express their views. This requires both FERC and Kinder Morgan to conduct an open and transparent process. Therefore, we request that Kinder Morgan provide the public, municipal officials in potentially affected municipalities, and our offices with additional information on the timeline for the current pre-filing phase, and we urge you to extend that timeline to ensure that New Hampshire's residents have a full and equal opportunity to understand, assess, and comment on this project before any decisions are made finalizing the project or its route.

Please note that a similar correspondence has been sent to the Commissioners of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission requesting their timely cooperation to ensure the application and review process moves forward in a thorough and deliberate manner.

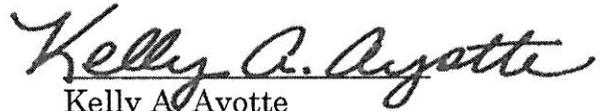
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Sincerely yours,



Jeanne Shaheen
U.S. Senator



Kelly A. Ayotte
U.S. Senator



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Congress of the United States
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January 14, 2015

Cheryl A. LaFleur, Chairman
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
888 First Street, NE
Washington, DC 20426

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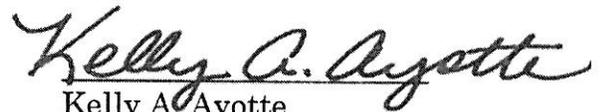
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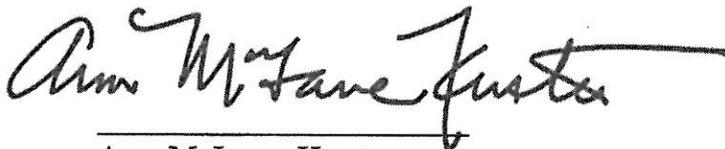
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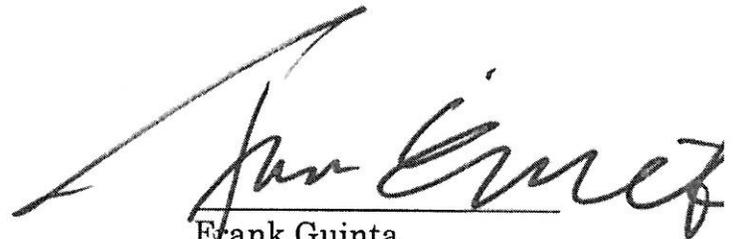
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