

March 4, 2015

Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary  
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission  
888 First Street, N.E.  
Washington, DC 20426

RE: Tennessee Gas Pipeline Company, L.L.C.; Federal Energy Regulatory Commission  
("Commission") Docket No. PF14-22-000

Dear Secretary Bose:

The Town of Merrimack ("Town"), a municipality within the State of New Hampshire, appreciates the opportunity to submit these preliminary comments in conjunction with the pre-filing phase of Tennessee Gas Pipeline Company's (TGP) proposed Northeast Energy Direct pipeline ("NED Project"). The Town hereby notifies both the Commission and TGP of its intention to actively participate in Docket No. PF14-22 in order to preserve its rights as an interested stakeholder.

The NED Project as currently proposed would include over 4.49 miles of new pipeline in Town, capable of transporting up to 2.2 billion cubic feet per day of natural gas. This pipeline crosses municipal watersheds including the aquifer that supplies more than half of the Town's water, and crosses one of the Town's major sewer interceptor lines, two major protected rivers as well as municipally owned and privately protected conservation areas which areas protect identified endangered species and their habitats, permanent open space and recreation lands, residential properties, and may have impacts to the NH Plating Site (a federal Superfund Site). The Town is in the process of working with TGP to identify sensitive environmental areas impacted by the proposed route and to complete surveys of Town owned lands.

Given the unprecedented scale of the project and associated impacts, the Town respectfully requests that the Commission provide a full, open and transparent public process, including comprehensive public outreach, public scoping meeting in Merrimack and active engagement of stakeholders like the Town in this pre-filing process in order to ensure that such significant stakeholder concerns are fully addressed in any future certificate application to the Commission for this project. The Town will actively participate in this pre-filing process in order to achieve this end. Accordingly, the Town anticipates submission to the Commission of Town compiled sensitive area and field survey information in order to ensure full transparency in this process.

Sincerely,

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