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## Subject: Information Request

Tennessee Gas Pipeline Company, L.L.C. Northeast Energy Direct Project, FERC Docket No. PF14-22 Cheshire, Hillsborough, and Rockingham Counties, New Hampshire

## Dear Mr. Thompson,

In response to the increased demand for interstate natural gas transmission in the Northeast United States (U.S.), Tennessee Gas Pipeline Company, L.L.C. (Tennessee) is proposing the construction and operation of the Northeast Energy Direct Project (Project or NED) which will modify its existing pipeline system in Pennsylvania, New York, Massachusetts, Connecticut, and New Hampshire. The NED Project will provide up to 2.2 billion cubic feet per day (Bcf/d) of new firm natural gas transportation capacity to meet the growing energy needs in the Northeast U.S., particularly in New England. Tennessee will file an application seeking the issuance of a certificate of public convenience and necessity from the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission or FERC) for the Project. Tennessee submitted a request to enter the FERC's National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) Pre-Filing Process on September 15, 2014 and FERC approved this request under FERC Docket No. PF14-22.

The Project facilities in New Hampshire include the following:

- Approximately 71 miles of new (greenfield) pipeline in New Hampshire (extending from the Massachusetts/New Hampshire border, through New Hampshire to Dracut, Massachusetts);
- Approximately 7 miles of pipeline laterals;
- Construction of one new compressor station;
- Construction of one new meter station; and
- Construction of minor appurtenant facilities, including mainline valves, cathodic protection, and pig launcher/receivers throughout the Project area.

The table below summarizes the proposed pipeline mileage within each county crossed by the Project within New Hampshire.



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PROPOSED NED PROJECT PIPELINE FACILITIES			
Facility Name	Facility Type	County	Length (miles)
New Hampshire			
Wright to Dracut		Cheshire	28.96
Pipeline Segment (New	Pipeline	Hillsborough	36.86
Hampshire Portion)		Rockingham	4.77
Fitchburg Lateral Extension (New Hampshire Portion)	Pipeline	Hillsborough	5.08
Haverhill Lateral (New Hampshire Portion)	Pipeline	Rockingham	1.99
New Hampshire Total 77.66			

An Environmental Report (ER) which is required as part of the FERC Section 7(C) application and review process is currently being prepared for the Project. As part of the FERC NEPA review, it is necessary to identify whether the proposed facilities will cross or be within 0.25-miles of the following sensitive environmental areas:

- U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA), State, or Municipal designated aquifers)
- State or municipal designated aquifer protection areas
- Surface waters that provide public drinking water supplies
- State or municipal designated surface water protection areas
- Any known existing or proposed public or private drinking water wells, reservoirs, or springs in or within 300 feet of the proposed alignment
- Open space/natural areas
- Locally significant roads, scenic areas, or rivers
- Schools, parks, ballfields, trails

Or within 0.50-miles of the following areas:

- Planned residential subdivision developments
- Planned commercial or industrial developments

On behalf of Tennessee, AECOM respectfully requests that the Merrimack Community Development office review its records relative to any of the above-referenced areas and provide written comments pertaining to the identified resources. We have enclosed for your review a series

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of U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) location maps depicting the proposed Project facilities to the extent that the locations have been identified. For mapping purposes, the Wright to Dracut Pipeline Segment has been divided into sections with each section beginning at Milepost 0. Please reference milepost and county name to indicate any known resource locations or environmental concerns. Exact locations for construction of the new compressor station and meter station have not been determined at this time, therefore, a subsequent consultation request will be issued once these locations are finalized if they fall outside of the requested 0.25 mile buffer. If you have any questions or comments regarding the Project, please do not hesitate to contact me at 630-839-5392 or via email at lori.ferry@aecom.com. Thank you for your consideration.

Yours sincerely,

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Lori Ferry AECOM Project Manager

cc: Michael Letson, Tennessee Gas Pipeline Company, L.L.C Attachment: USGS Location Maps