**October 15, 2015**

# Agencies in Attendance (list of attendees is attached):

* Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC)
  + Cardno (FERC 3rd Party Contractor)
* U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE)
* U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA)
* U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS)
* NY State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC)
* NY Department of Transportation (NYDOT)
* MA Attorney General’s Office
* MA Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs (EEA) – MA Environmental Policy Act (MEPA) Office
* MA Department of Conservation and Recreation (MA DCR)
* MA Department of Environmental Protection (MA DEP)
* MA Department of Fish and Game (MA DFG)
* MA Department of Public Utilities Siting Board (MA DPU)
* NH Department of Environmental Services (NH DES)
* NH Department of Fish and Game (NH DFG)
* Berkshire Regional Planning Commission
* Southwest Region Planning Commission
* Franklin Regional Council of Governments
* Nashua Regional Planning Commission
* Northern Middlesex Council of Governments
* Tennessee Gas Pipeline (Tennessee Gas)
  + Hatch Mott (Contractor for Tennessee Gas)
  + AECOM (Contractor for Tennessee Gas)

# Meeting Summary

The conference call was conducted to review the general status of the Northeast Energy Direct (NED) Project, including the Project’s schedule, field surveys, landowner coordination, and the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) process. Topics discussed included:

* Status
  + Final FERC scoping meeting held in Rindge, NH at Franklin Pierce University Field House on September 29, 2015

FERC also attended meetings with NYDOT, the town of New Ipswich, NH, the Southwest Region Planning Commission, and the Berkshire Regional Planning Commission.

FERC attended a meeting with the Tribes and Tennessee Gas on October 9, 2015 to discuss cultural resources surveys and additional tribal monitors.

* + FERC conducted site visits to several locations along the proposed route, compressor station sites, and alternative routes the week of September 28, 2015.
  + Data request sent to Tennessee Gas on October 8, 2015.
  + Formal scoping comment period closes October 16, 2015. Tennessee Gas must respond to all comments received during the comment period by this date. Any comments received afterwards from agencies will be addressed by FERC, or directed to Tennessee Gas for a response.
  + FERC is in the process of analyzing data filed by Tennessee, specifically related to the alternatives. Additional site visits may be scheduled before winter this year.
  + Tennessee Gas planning to submit the application to FERC on November 20, 2015. They are looking at additional information related to route changes suggested by towns and information regarding additional pipeline in PA.
  + Comments from the public and agencies will be addressed in the draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). There will be another comment period after the draft EIS, which would last 45 days or longer. Comments received during this comment period would be addressed independently in the Appendix of the next version of the EIS. FERC may address agency comments specifically in the draft EIS.
* Tennessee Gas status update:
  + Surveys
    - Recently received permission from Eversource to survey. Surveys may be conducted on fee-owned land and any land in which Tennessee Gas has permission from the private landowner.
    - Continuing environmental and cultural surveys on accessible lands in all states crossed by the project. Tennessee Gas is aiming to complete these surveys by December 1, 2015.
    - Threatened and Endangered (T & E) species surveys will continue next year as applicable when the snow melts.
  + Meetings
    - Three Open House meetings are scheduled in MA from 6:00 – 8:00 pm at the following locations:
      * Oct. 27 – Windsor, MA – Windsor Fire Department
      * Oct. 28 – Northfield, MA – Northfield Elementary School
      * Oct. 29 – Lynnfield, MA – Spinelli’s Function Facility
    - Continuing to meet with all state agencies to determine permit information.
    - Tennessee Gas will be holding a meeting in Franklin, NY. Date of the meeting is still to be determined.
    - Meeting was held with FERC and Tennessee Gas to discuss the project schedule and concerns related to survey permission, the EIS, and the projected start date for construction. If there are any major changes to the routes, FERC will have to open up another scoping period, depending on the route changes and how many landowners need to be notified.
* Miscellaneous:
  + - USACE application and federal authorizations will be filed simultaneously with the FERC Application on November 20, 2015.
    - Tennessee Gas is evaluating the MEPA document submission date. This document will likely be submitted in December 2015 or early 2016.
    - Tennessee Gas anticipates submitting the NH Site Evaluation Committee (SEC) application in January 2016.
    - Tennessee Gas is completing an in-depth analysis of the I-88 alternative in NY.
    - Representatives from the State of MA met with staff at FERC to discuss federal preemption on Article 97 lands

# Next Call

* Agency call will be held every 2 weeks.
* Next call scheduled for October 29, 2015.

| **List of Attendees** | |
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| **Organization** | **Name** |
| FERC | Eric Tomasi |
| FERC | Elaine Baum |
| FERC | Xiah (Shelia) Kragie |
| FERC (Cardno) | Jennifer Wallace |
| USACE | Brad Sherwood |
| USEPA | Tim Timmerman |
| USFWS | Tim Sullivan |
| USFWS | Maria Tur |
| NYSDEC | Stephen Tomasik |
| NYSDEC | Mark Wythall |
| NY DOT | Cathy Nusca |
| MA EEA – MEPA Office | Alexander Strysky |
| MA Attorney General’s Office | Matt Ireland |
| MA DEP | Michael Stroman |
| MA DEP | Lealdon Langley |
| MA DFG | Christy Edwards |
| MA DCR | Jennifer Howard |
| MA DPU – Siting Board | Stephen August |
| MA DPU – Siting Board | Enid Kumin |
| NH FGD | Carol Henderson |
| NH DES | Owen David |
| Nashua Regional Planning Commission | Sara Siskavich |
| Berkshire Regional Planning Commission | Tom Matuszko |
| Southwest Region Planning Commission | Henry Underwood |
| Southwest Region Planning Commission | Tim Murphy |
| Northern Middlesex Council of Governments | Beverly Woods |
| Franklin Regional Council of Governments | Peggy Sloane |
| Tennessee Gas | Michael Letson |
| Tennessee Gas | Jacquelyne Rocan |
| Tennessee Gas | Kasia Ingram |
| Hatch Mott | Theresa Albanese |
| Hatch Mott | Douglas Gibbons |
| Hatch Mott | John Quinlisk |
| AECOM | Eileen Banach |