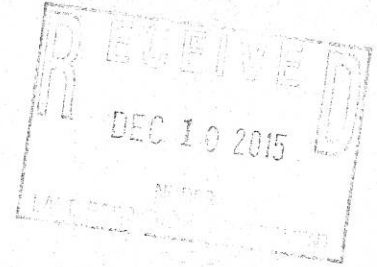




Tennessee Gas Pipeline
Company, L.L.C.
a Kinder Morgan company



December 8, 2015

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RE: Tennessee Gas Pipeline Company, L.L.C.
Northeast Energy Direct Project
FERC Docket No. CP16-21-000

Dear Mr. Forbes:

Tennessee Gas Pipeline Company, L.L.C. ("Tennessee") plans to construct a project referred to as the Northeast Energy Direct Project ("NED Project" or "Project"). Tennessee, a Kinder Morgan company, is an interstate natural gas transmission pipeline company that is subject to the jurisdiction of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission ("FERC" or "Commission"). Tennessee has been in operation since 1943 and its principal office is located at 1001 Louisiana Street, Houston, Texas 77002. Tennessee proposes to expand and modify its existing pipeline system in Pennsylvania, New York, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, and Connecticut. The NED Project is being developed to meet the increased demand in the Northeast United States for transportation capacity of natural gas.

On November 20, 2015, Tennessee filed an Application for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity ("Application") with the Commission for authorization to (a) to construct, install, modify, operate, and maintain certain pipeline and compression facilities to be located in Pennsylvania, New York, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, and Connecticut and (2) to abandon certain facilities described below. The Commission assigned Docket No. CP16-21-000 to the certificate proceeding and published a Notice of the Application on December 7, 2015. A copy of that notice is enclosed.

The NED Project will provide new firm natural gas transportation capacity to meet the growing energy needs in the Northeast U.S., particularly in New England. The Supply Path Component, as defined in the Application, will transport up to 1.2 billion cubic feet per day ("Bcf/d") of natural gas, and the Market Path Component, as defined in the Application, will transport up to 1.3 Bcf/d of natural gas. The proposed Project involves the following facilities:

- Approximately 41 miles of pipeline looping on Tennessee's 300 Line in Pennsylvania;
- Approximately 133 miles of new pipeline, of which 102 miles are proposed to be generally co-located with the certificated Constitution Pipeline Project (FERC Docket Number CP13-499-000) in Pennsylvania and New York (extending from Tennessee's existing 300 Line near Auburn, Pennsylvania to Wright, New York);

- Approximately 54 miles of pipeline generally co-located with Tennessee's existing 200 Line and an existing utility corridor in New York;
- Approximately 64 miles of pipeline generally co-located with an existing utility corridor in Massachusetts;
- Approximately 70 miles of pipeline generally co-located with an existing utility corridor in New Hampshire (extending southeast to Dracut, Massachusetts);
- Approximately 58 miles of various laterals and pipeline loops in Massachusetts, New Hampshire, and Connecticut to serve local markets;
- Construction of nine new compressor stations and 15 new meter stations, and modifications to an existing compressor station and 14 existing meter stations throughout the Project area; and
- Construction of appurtenant facilities, including mainline valves, cathodic protection, and pig facilities through the Project area.

Please see the enclosed map for the location of Project activities.

To the extent that it is practicable, feasible, and in compliance with existing law, Tennessee proposes to locate proposed pipeline facilities (either pipeline looping segments or co-located pipeline facilities) generally within or adjacent to its existing right-of-way associated with its existing 300 Line in Pennsylvania and Connecticut; its existing 200 Line in New York and Massachusetts; and existing utility (pipeline and powerline) corridors in Pennsylvania, New York, Massachusetts, and New Hampshire.

Tennessee is requesting issuance of a certificate order for the Project during the fourth quarter of 2016 and proposes to commence construction activities in January 2017, in anticipation of placing the Project facilities in-service by November 2018 (with the exception of a proposed pipeline loop in Connecticut, which will be placed in-service by November 2019), consistent with the terms and conditions of the precedent agreements executed with Project Shippers.

During construction, restoration, and mitigation activities for the Project, Tennessee will follow the Project-specific Upland Erosion Control, Revegetation and Maintenance Plan and the Wetland and Waterbody Construction and Mitigation Procedures, which incorporate the provisions from the Commission's Upland Erosion Control, Revegetation and Maintenance Plan and the Commission's Wetland and Waterbody Construction and Mitigation Procedures.

Tennessee has established a toll-free telephone number (844) 277-1047 to address any questions or concerns raised by landowners, agencies or other interested parties before, during, and after construction of the Project. Additionally, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned at (713) 420-5360.

Very truly yours,

TENNESSEE GAS PIPELINE COMPANY, L.L.C.



Michael A. Letson
Environmental Permitting

Enclosure

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION

Tennessee Gas Pipeline Company, L.L.C

Docket No. CP16-21-000

Docket No. PF14-22-000

NOTICE OF APPLICATION

(December 7, 2015)

Take notice that on November 20, 2015, Tennessee Gas Pipeline Company, L.L.C. (Tennessee), 1001 Louisiana Street, Houston, Texas 77002, filed an application pursuant to sections 7(b) and 7(c) of the Natural Gas Act (NGA) and the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission) seeking authority to (i) construct, install, modify, and operate certain pipeline and compression facilities to be located in Pennsylvania, New York, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, and Connecticut, and (ii) to abandon certain facilities, as part of the Northeast Energy Direct Project (NED Project), as described in more detail below. Tennessee proposes to provide up to 1.3 billion cubic feet per day (Bcf/d) of firm capacity at a cost of approximately \$5.2 billion dollars, all as more fully set forth in the application. The filing is available for review at the Commission in the Public Reference Room or may be viewed on the Commission's website at <http://www.ferc.gov> using the "eLibrary" link. Enter the docket number excluding the last three digits in the docket number field to access the document. There is an "eSubscription" link on the web site that enables subscribers to receive email notification when a document is added to a subscribed docket(s). For assistance, please contact FERC Online Support at FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov or toll free at (866) 208-3676, or for TTY, contact (202) 502-8659.

Specifically, the NED Project includes two components: (1) the Supply Path Component, which is comprised of facilities from Troy, Pennsylvania, to Wright, New York (Supply Path Component), and (2) the Market Path Component, which is comprised of facilities from Wright, New York, to Dracut, Massachusetts (Market Path Component). The Supply Path Component facilities include: (i) approximately 174 miles of pipeline facilities in Pennsylvania and New York of which approximately 41 miles will be looped, (ii) three new compressor stations totaling 153,500 horsepower (hp), (iii) modifications to one existing compressor station, (iv) two new meter stations, and (v) various appurtenant facilities. The Market Path Component facilities include: (i) approximately 188 miles of mainline pipeline facilities in New York, Massachusetts, and New Hampshire, (ii) approximately 58 miles of lateral and pipeline looping, including a total of five delivery laterals in Massachusetts and New Hampshire, one pipeline loop in Connecticut, (iii) six new compressor stations totaling 207,600 hp, (iv) construction of 13 new meter stations, (v) modification of 14 existing meter stations, and (vi) various appurtenant facilities.

Any questions regarding the proposed project should be directed to Jacquelyne M. Rocan, Assistant General Counsel, at Tennessee Gas Pipeline Company, L.L.C., 1001 Louisiana Street, Houston, Texas 77002 or at (713) 420-4544 (phone), or (713) 420-1601 (facsimile), or e-mail: Jacquelyne_Rocan@kindermorgan.com, or Shannon M. Miller, Regulatory Affairs, Tennessee Gas Pipeline Company, L.L.C., 1001 Louisiana Street, Houston, Texas 77002, or at (713) 420-4038 (phone), or (713) 420-1605 (facsimile), or e-mail: shannon_miller@kindermorgan.com

On October 2, 2014, Commission staff granted Tennessee's request to utilize the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) Pre-Filing Process and assigned Docket No. PF14-22-000 to staff activities involving the project. Now, as of the filing of this application on November 20, 2015, the NEPA Pre-Filing Process for this project has ended. From this time forward, this proceeding will be conducted in Docket No. CP16-21-000 as noted in the caption of this Notice.

Pursuant to section 157.9 of the Commission's rules, 18 CFR 157.9, within 90 days of this Notice, the Commission staff will issue a Notice of Schedule for Environmental Review. If a Notice of Schedule for Environmental Review is issued, it will indicate, among other milestones, the anticipated date for the Commission staff's issuance of the final environmental impact statement (FEIS) for this proposal. The issuance of a Notice of Schedule for Environmental Review will serve to notify federal and state agencies of the timing for the completion of all necessary reviews, and the subsequent need to complete all federal authorizations within 90 days of the date of issuance of the Commission staff's FEIS.

There are two ways to become involved in the Commission's review of this project. First, any person wishing to obtain legal status by becoming a party to the proceedings for this project should, on or before the comment date stated below file with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE, Washington, DC 20426, a motion to intervene in accordance with the requirements of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.214 or 385.211) and the Regulations under the NGA (18 CFR 157.10). A person obtaining party status will be placed on the service list maintained by the Secretary of the Commission and will receive copies of all documents filed by the applicant and by all other parties. A party must submit 7 copies of filings made in the proceeding with the Commission and must mail a copy to the applicant and to every other party. Only parties to the proceeding can ask for court review of Commission orders in the proceeding.

However, a person does not have to intervene in order to have comments considered. The second way to participate is by filing with the Secretary of the Commission, as soon as possible, an original and two copies of comments in support of or in opposition to this project. The Commission will consider these comments in determining the appropriate action to be taken, but the filing of a comment alone will not

serve to make the filer a party to the proceeding. The Commission's rules require that persons filing comments in opposition to the project provide copies of their protests only to the party or parties directly involved in the protest.

Persons who wish to comment only on the environmental review of this project should submit an original and two copies of their comments to the Secretary of the Commission. Environmental commentators will be placed on the Commission's environmental mailing list, will receive copies of the environmental documents, and will be notified of meetings associated with the Commission's environmental review process. Environmental commentators will not be required to serve copies of filed documents on all other parties. However, the non-party commentators will not receive copies of all documents filed by other parties or issued by the Commission (except for the mailing of environmental documents issued by the Commission) and will not have the right to seek court review of the Commission's final order.

The Commission strongly encourages electronic filings of comments, protests and interventions in lieu of paper using the "eFiling" link at <http://www.ferc.gov>. Persons unable to file electronically should submit an original and 5 copies of the protest or intervention to the Federal Energy regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE, Washington, DC 20426.

Comment Date: January 6, 2016

Nathaniel J. Davis, Sr.,
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Norman C. Bay, Chairman
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
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RE: Docket CP16-21-000 Northeast Energy Direct Project-Wetland Mitigation

Dear Chairman Bay:

Attached please find a series of email exchanges between Lucas Meyer, Public Affairs Consultant for Kinder Morgan/Tennessee Gas and David Drouin, Chairman of the Rindge Conservation Commission (the "Commission"). I summarize these exchanges as follows:

In September, 2015, Mr. Drouin received a request from Kinder Morgan for a meeting with the Commission to discuss "local wetland mitigation opportunities" that Tennessee Gas might be able to include in its compensatory mitigation plan to be developed for the proposed Northeast Energy Direct Project (Attachment 1). Mr. Drouin promptly responded and provided Kinder Morgan with five possible meeting dates between September 24, 2015 and January 22, 2016. Mr. Drouin was then contacted by Mr. Meyer who requested that the Commission hold a special meeting. This request was denied by Mr. Drouin (Attachment 2).

On December 17, 2015, after weeks of silence, Mr. Meyer wrote to inform Mr. Drouin that Tennessee Gas wanted the Commission's proposed mitigation measures by January 15, 2016. Mr. Meyer went on to explain that if Tennessee Gas did not receive input from the Town by that date, it might opt to pursue mitigation through the New Hampshire Aquatic Resource Mitigation Fund which would mean that compensation for impacts occurring in the Town of Rindge would not be directly available to the Town (Attachment 3). Mr. Drouin's response to this letter speaks for itself (Attachment 3).

If there is supposed to be a meaningful public process in connection with the NED Project, it is not evident here and, in fact, it is, and has been, non-existent since Kinder Morgan/Tennessee Gas made its original filings with FERC in December of 2014. Those of us who are public officials in the communities that are in the path of this pipeline have received misinformation, out-of-date information or simply no information at all. This is evident in the plight of the Rindge Conservation Commission. This Commission, comprised of citizen volunteers, is responsible for the stewardship of the Town's significant natural resources. To be bullied to respond to complex wetland mitigation issues in less than a month during the holiday season and to be asked to do this without the benefit of accurate or current maps of the Project is outrageous.

Kinder Morgan/Tennessee Gas seems intent upon completing all of its FERC requirements in the most superficial way possible at the expense of the residents of New Hampshire, particularly, those in the path of the proposed pipeline. If this is an acceptable manner for pipeline projects to muster FERC approval, then we question FERC's ability to be fair, transparent and objective.

Very truly yours,
Rindge Board of Selectmen



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