

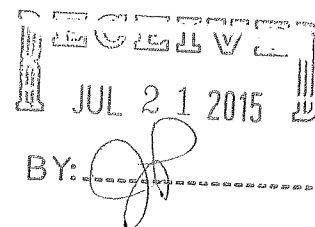
FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, DC 20426

July 10, 2015

OFFICE OF THE CHAIRMAN

The Honorable Bernard O'Grady
Chairman
Town of Mason
16 Darling Hill Road – Mann House
Mason, NH 03048



Dear Chairman O'Grady:

Thank you for your June 9, 2015, letter requesting a public scoping meeting in Mason, New Hampshire regarding the Tennessee Gas Pipeline Company LLC's (Tennessee Gas) planned Northeast Energy Direct Project (Docket No. PF14-22-000).

We recently issued our *Notice of Intent to Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement* for this project on June 30, 2015, which initiates the formal public scoping period and identifies the locations, dates, and times for the public scoping meetings. (A copy of that notice is enclosed.) The 14 meeting locations were selected to be convenient for the greatest number of people who might be interested in the project. While Commission staff does not plan to hold a scoping meeting in the Town of Mason, two of the planned scoping meetings are within a short distance of Mason. We encourage you and the citizens of Mason to attend these meetings. As detailed in the Notice, public scoping meetings are just one of the avenues for stakeholder input. Stakeholders may also file written comments with the Commission. Those comments will receive the same attention and scrutiny as comments received at the public meetings.

Since October 2, 2014, Tennessee Gas has participated in the Commission's pre-filing process for the project, which is designed to engage stakeholders to identify and resolve environmental issues before the formal filing of an application with the Commission. As you may know, Tennessee Gas held several public open house meetings in close proximity to Mason early this year, to provide landowners and other stakeholders an opportunity to learn about the project and to discuss their concerns. Commission staff participated in two of these meetings to explain our

environmental review process, including the one held on February 24, 2015, in Milford, New Hampshire and the one held on February 26, 2015, in Fitchburg, Massachusetts. This public engagement through Tennessee Gas' open house meetings and formal public scoping period will allow the Commission to conduct a comprehensive and meaningful review of the project as part of our obligation under the National Environmental Policy Act.

Thank you for sharing your concerns as we continue our review of the project. If I can be of further assistance in this or any other Commission matter, do not hesitate to let me know.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Norman C. Bay" with a checkmark at the end.

Norman C. Bay
Chairman

Enclosure