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Town of Mason**

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April 28, 2015

Norman C. Bay, Chairman
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
888 First Street, NE
Washington, DC 20426

Re: Docket: PF-14-22-000
Lead Applicant: Tennessee Gas Pipeline Company, LLC

Dear Chairman Bay and Commissioners:

The Town of Mason is located in Hillsborough County, New Hampshire, along the route of the applicant's proposed Northeast Energy Direct high pressure gas pipeline. Tennessee proposes running 3.9 miles of 36" of pipe (main line), and 5.08 miles of 12" pipe (Fitchburg lateral) through Mason.¹ With a total 8.98 miles of pipeline, Mason is one of the New Hampshire towns most heavily impacted by the proposed line.

We are writing to advise you that at the annual Mason Town Meeting on March 14, 2015, the voters voiced unanimous opposition to the NED project by approving the following two warrant articles:

Article 12. To see if the town will authorize the Board of Selectmen to take all reasonable and prudent actions to oppose the proposed Northeast Energy Direct high pressure gas pipeline, lateral line, and appurtenances, and all reasonable and prudent actions necessary to mitigate the impact thereof on the land and people of the Town of Mason. Such actions may include but are not limited to participating directly in all Federal and State regulatory processes related to such pipeline project, joining in coalition with the selectmen of other affected New Hampshire towns in opposing or mitigating the effects of the proposed project, and hiring legal professionals and consultants to advise and appear on behalf of the Town of Mason in regulatory and/or judicial proceedings related thereto. This authorization shall remain in effect until rescinded by a vote of the town meeting.

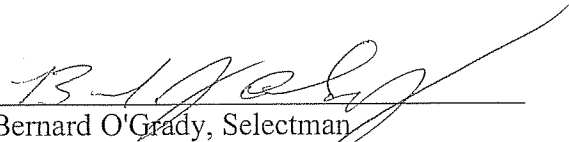
¹ NED Project Resource Report 1, Table 1.1-1, page 1-19 (December 2014)

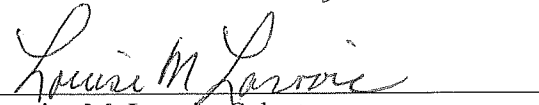
Article 13: To see if the town will raise and appropriate the sum of \$80,000.00 to be expended at the discretion of the Board of Selectmen in opposition to the proposed Northeast Energy Direct high pressure gas pipeline, lateral line, and appurtenances, and/or to minimize the impact thereof on the land and people of the Town of Mason, including but not limited to expenditures for legal representation and consultants, land use planning and zoning consultation, public information purposes, administrative and court filing fees, participation in multi-town coalitions, and any and all other expenses reasonably related to opposing said pipeline project and/or mitigating the effects thereof. This will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32-7, VI and will not lapse until December 31, 2018.

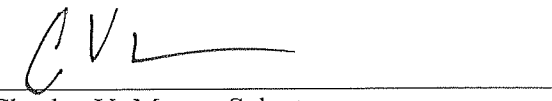
In accordance with the foregoing, the Board of Selectmen notifies you, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, that the people of the Town of Mason, overwhelmingly oppose the NED project.

Respectfully submitted,

TOWN OF MASON, NH
By its Selectmen:


Bernard O'Grady, Selectman


Louise M. Lavoie, Selectman


Charles V. Moser, Selectman

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cc: Tennessee Gas Pipeline Company, LTD
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Sen. Shaheen
Sen. Ayotte
Sen. Avarad
Rep. Flanagan
Rep. Adams