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Chairman Dwight Brew Town of Amherst P.O. Box 960 Amherst, NH 03031

Re: New Hampshire Site Evaluation Commission -- Notice of Public Informational

Sessions

Applicant: Tennessee Gas Pipeline Company, L.L.C.

Project: Northeast Energy Direct Project

Dear Chairman Brew,

Tennessee Gas Pipeline Company, L.L.C. ("<u>TGP</u>") is proposing the construction of the Northeast Energy Direct Project (the "<u>Project</u>") to serve the growing demand for natural gas transmission service in the New England region. The Project includes improvements comprising approximately four hundred twenty (420) miles of new and looped natural gas pipeline in Pennsylvania, New York, Massachusetts, Connecticut, and New Hampshire. Specifically, the improvements proposed in New Hampshire include: approximately seventy-one (71) miles of thirty inch (30") pipeline routed through southern New Hampshire and two (2) lateral extensions to Haverhill and Fitchburg, Massachusetts (the "<u>Pipeline</u>"). Approximately seventy-six percent (76%) of the Pipeline is proposed to be co-located within an existing power line corridor. In addition, one (1) new compressor station is proposed to be constructed in New Ipswich, New Hampshire, and two (2) new meter stations are proposed to be constructed in Merrimack and Windham, New Hampshire (together with the Pipeline, the "<u>Proposed Facilities</u>").

You are receiving this letter and a copy of the attached Notice of Public Information because, as the Project is currently proposed, Amherst is considered a host municipality and affected by the Proposed Facilities. As part of TGP's permitting process, TGP will hold public information sessions required by the New Hampshire State Evaluation Committee to review the Project and TGP's Application for a Certificate of Site and Facility for the Project. These public information sessions are explained in greater detail in the attached Notice.

Should you have any questions prior to the public informational sessions, please feel free to call the Project toll-free number at 1(844)277-1047.

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Vice President, Public Affairs

Enclosures

NOTICE OF PUBLIC INFORMATION SESSIONS

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE SITE EVALUATION COMMITTEE

Application of Tennessee Gas Pipeline Company, L.L.C. for a Certificate of Site and Facility for the Construction of a Thirty Inch (30") Diameter Natural Gas Underground Transmission Line and Related Facilities to be located in New Hampshire

Tennessee Gas Pipeline Company, L.L.C. ("TGP") will hold public information sessions to present information regarding the Application for a Certificate of Site and Facility ("Application") to be filed with the New Hampshire Site Evaluation Commission ("SEC"), for the construction of a new natural gas transmission line and compressor station in southern New Hampshire, which is part of the Market Path Component of TGP's Northeast Energy Direct ("NED") Project. The portion of the NED Project to be constructed in New Hampshire includes approximately seventy-one (71) miles of thirty inch (30") diameter natural gas transmission pipeline, entering the State of New Hampshire in the Town of Winchester and exiting in the Town of Pelham. The NED Project in New Hampshire is proposed to be co-located with existing utility line rights-of-way for approximately 76% of the line, which will assist in minimizing any environmental impacts. The NED Project also involves the construction of two (2) laterals to Haverhill and Fitchburg, Massachusetts, as well as one (1) new 41,000 horsepower compressor station proposed to be constructed in New Ipswich, New Hampshire, and two (2) new meter stations proposed to be constructed in Merrimack and Windham, New Hampshire.

The proposed route of the NED Project in New Hampshire will cross Cheshire, Hillsborough and Rockingham counties, through the Towns of Winchester, Richmond, Troy, Fitzwilliam, Rindge, New Ipswich, Greenville, Mason, Brookline, Amherst, Hollis, Milford, Merrimack, Litchfield, Londonderry, Hudson, Windham, Pelham and Salem. TGP is planning to file its Application with the SEC in the near future. New Hampshire statute, RSA 162-H:10, requires that an applicant for a Certificate of Site and Facility hold at least one public information session in each county where the proposed facility will be located, at a minimum, 30 days prior to filing the Application. In accordance with the statute, TGP will hold one public information session in (i) Cheshire County (including the Towns of Fitzwilliam, Richmond, Rindge, Troy, and Winchester), (ii) Rockingham County (including the Towns of Londonderry, Windham, and Salem), and (iii) Hillsborough County (including the Towns of Amherst, Brookline, Greenville, Hollis, Hudson, Litchfield, Mason, Merrimack, Milford, New Ipswich, and Pelham) as follows:

- Rockingham County: Tuesday, December 1, 2015 at Windham High School, located at 64 London Bridge Rd., Windham, NH 03087. In the event of cancellation due to snow or other extreme weather, this session will be rescheduled to occur on Tuesday, December 8, 2015 at the same time and location.
- <u>Cheshire County</u>: Wednesday, December 2, 2015 at the Hidden Hills Estates located at 18 Lisa Dr., Rindge, NH 03461. In the event of cancellation due to

snow or other extreme weather, this session will be rescheduled to occur on Wednesday, December 9, 2015 at the same time and location.

• <u>Hillsborough County</u>: **Thursday, December 3, 2015** at Hampshire Hills located at 50 Emerson Rd., Milford, NH 03055. In the event of cancellation due to snow or other extreme weather, this session will be rescheduled to occur on Thursday, December 10, 2015 at the same time and location.

The schedule for each public information session will be as follows:

Public Information Session:

Project Overview - 6:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Questions and Answers – 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Public Comments - 8:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

At each session, TGP will present information regarding the NED Project and the public will have the opportunity to ask questions and provide comments. Members of the public will be asked to submit questions in writing, and the questions will be addressed. The public will then have the opportunity to provide oral comments. A time limit may be imposed on commenters by the moderator depending on the number of attendees. The public information session will be transcribed and submitted to the SEC with the Application.

TGP will also host open houses before and simultaneous to the public information sessions to provide an additional opportunity for the public to learn more and ask questions about the NED Project. The schedule for each open house will be as follows:

Open House:

5:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

Notice of cancellation and rescheduled sessions due to snow or extreme weather will be available by calling (844) 277-1047.