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June 24, 2015

Mr. Dwight Brew
Chairman of the Board of Selectmen
Town of Amherst
PO Box 960
Amherst, NH 03031-0960

Dear Mr. Brew:

Thank you for contacting me regarding Kinder Morgan's proposed Northeast Energy Direct (NED) project. I appreciate hearing from you.

The proposed NED project is an expansion of Kinder Morgan's existing natural gas infrastructure in Pennsylvania, New York, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, and Connecticut.

As you may know, in September 2014, Kinder Morgan filed a request to begin the pre-filing process with the Federal Energy Regulatory Committee (FERC), which is tasked with issuing certificates for interstate natural gas pipelines. During this phase, Kinder Morgan will continue the process of researching possible routes and consulting with property owners as well as FERC. On December 8, 2014, Kinder Morgan notified FERC that it was changing its preferred route for the project.

Most recently, I led the New Hampshire delegation in sending multiple letters to Kinder Morgan and FERC requesting that both organizations work with potentially affected communities to allow New Hampshire residents ample opportunity to understand, assess and comment on the proposed project before any decisions are made finalizing the project or its route. For your convenience, these letters are attached.

On October 15, 2014, I joined with members of the New Hampshire delegation in sending a letter to FERC asking that it consider the issues raised by local residents and municipalities while it conducts its review of Kinder Morgan's application.

While I fully understand the need for increased natural gas infrastructure in the northeast to meet growing demand, I believe Kinder Morgan and regulators must give residents ample opportunity to voice their concerns as the proposed project undergoes required federal and state reviews.

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Assessed and
sent to BOS
6/26/15*

Again, thank you for taking the time to contact me. It is important for me to hear from you regarding the current issues affecting New Hampshire and our nation. Please do not hesitate to be in touch again if I may be of further assistance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "Kelly". The script is fluid and cursive, with a large "K" and a long, sweeping tail on the "y".

Kelly A. Ayotte
U. S. Senator

KAA/mf

Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20510

April 30, 2015

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

Dear Chairman Bay:

We write to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) regarding Kinder Morgan's proposed Northeast Energy Direct Project, Docket N. PF14-22-000. As you know, we believe that both Kinder Morgan and FERC must provide New Hampshire residents ample opportunity to meaningfully express their views on this proposed natural gas pipeline. Specifically, we request that the Commission hold pre-filing scoping meetings in any town along the route that makes the request, and that FERC work with the towns to find a date and time that may be convenient to those community members wishing to participate.

It is imperative that stakeholders in New Hampshire be afforded the time and opportunity to understand, analyze and engage in an open and transparent application and review process before any final decision is made.

Thank you for your attention to our request and we look forward to your timely response.

Sincerely,



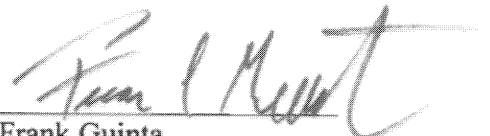
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February 27, 2015

Mr. Allen Fore, Director
Public Affairs
Kinder Morgan
3250 Lacey Road, Suite 700
Downers Grove, IL 60515

Dear Mr. Fore:

We are writing to request that Kinder Morgan provide New Hampshire residents a full opportunity to meaningfully express their views regarding the proposed Northeast Energy Direct Project, Docket N. PF14-22-000, before any final or binding decision is made regarding the route for this pipeline project. Specifically, we request that Kinder Morgan hold a second round of open house meetings in the coming months in potentially affected communities.

On December 8, 2014, Kinder Morgan filed a New Hampshire Powerline Alternative route with FERC. The new proposal shifts much of the pipeline's proposed route out of northern Massachusetts – where it was originally planned – to southern New Hampshire. Previously, on January 14, 2015 the New Hampshire congressional delegation requested that Kinder Morgan provide the public, municipal officials, and our offices with additional information regarding the timeline for the current pre-filing phase and urged it to extend the timeline to ensure that New Hampshire residents have ample opportunity and more time to understand, assess and comment on this project before any decisions are made finalizing the project or its route.

As of the date of this letter, Kinder Morgan has hosted five open houses in the New Hampshire communities of Hudson, Londonderry, Milford, Rindge and Winchester. In order for New Hampshire citizens to have the same opportunity that Massachusetts residents had to evaluate this project in full, more time is required.

With that in mind, we respectfully request that Kinder Morgan hold a second round of open houses during the coming months in potentially affected communities to allow New Hampshire residents to better review and understand information, assess potential impact and meaningfully express their views in an open and transparent setting. Furthermore, town administrators and officials should have

the most up-to-date and accurate information about how their communities will be impacted as this process moves forward. Therefore, we request that Kinder Morgan schedules meetings with any impacted towns that make the request. Thank you for your consideration of this request.

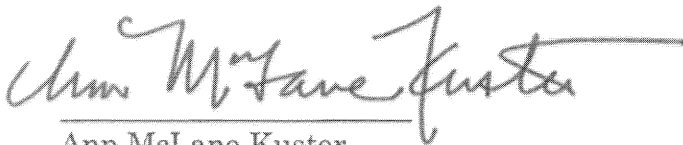
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January 14, 2015

Mr. Allen Fore, Director
Public Affairs
Kinder Morgan
3250 Lacey Road, Suite 700
Downers Grove, IL 60515

Dear Mr. Fore:

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The citizens and municipalities along the initial proposed route benefited from several months to receive and review information, to analyze and deliberate, and to ask questions and express concerns. We strongly believe the citizens and municipalities in New Hampshire, many of whom have just learned that they may be directly impacted by this pipeline project, deserve an equal opportunity.

It is imperative that the proposed Northeast Energy Direct Project go through a thorough federal review that provides affected stakeholders in New Hampshire with a meaningful opportunity to participate and express their views. This requires both FERC and Kinder Morgan to conduct an open and transparent process. Therefore, we request that Kinder Morgan provide the public, municipal officials in potentially affected municipalities, and our offices with additional information on the timeline for the current pre-filing phase, and we urge you to extend that timeline to ensure that New Hampshire's residents have a full and equal opportunity to understand, assess, and comment on this project before any decisions are made finalizing the project or its route.

Please note that a similar correspondence has been sent to the Commissioners of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission requesting their timely cooperation to ensure the application and review process moves forward in a thorough and deliberate manner.

CC:

Chairman Cheryl A. LaFleur, FERC
Commissioner Philip D. Moeller, FERC
Commissioner Tony Clark, FERC
Commissioner Norman C. Bay, FERC
Commissioner Colette D. Honorable, FERC

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Cheryl A. LaFleur, Chairman
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
888 First Street, NE
Washington, DC 20426

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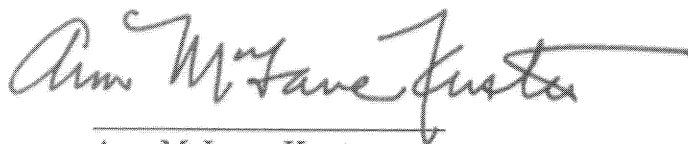
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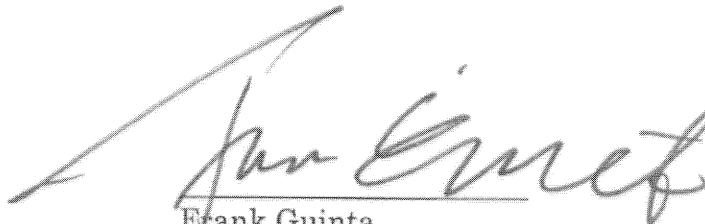
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