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January 14, 2015

Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
888 First Street NE, Room 1A
Washington, DC 20426

Dear Secretary Bose:

The citizens' group NH Pipeline Awareness requests that the FERC direct Kinder Morgan/Tennessee Gas Pipeline to postpone the recently announced Open Houses to be held in Milford, Rindge, Winchester, Londonderry, and Hudson, New Hampshire, between January 27 and February 19, 2015. Tennessee Gas Pipeline (TGP) submitted this schedule on January 9 in a filing for inclusion with docket no. PF14-22-000.

Although TGP refers to its list of dates and locations as a rescheduling of events that were previously postponed, this not the case. All of the New Hampshire communities where the Open Houses are now scheduled to be held are located on the revised "preferred path" that TGP filed with FERC on December 9, 2015; none was on the original route that was filed on November 5, 2015. Residents of the newly affected New Hampshire communities were not even informed of the project's potential impact to them prior to December 9, much less given a schedule of Open Houses.

Contrary to TGP's statements, scheduling a series of Open Houses for the supposed benefit of a whole new body of citizens in an entirely new geographical location is not a "postponement" of the canceled events. The TGP/KM pre-filing was for a 30-36" pipeline across Massachusetts, yet the Open Houses scheduled are for a proposed 30-36" pipeline in a different state.

TGP announced its original schedule of Open Houses for Northeast Energy Direct project stakeholders in mid-October. Subsequently, in a letter to the FERC dated November 6, TGP Deputy General Counsel and Vice President J. Curtis Moffatt submitted the revised schedule and cited requests from Massachusetts elected officials that the events be delayed: "This postponement is consistent with letters that Tennessee received from Representative Jim McGovern and Representative Niki Tsongas requesting a delay in the proposed outreach schedule in order to provide affected landowners and communities the necessary time to review the draft Resource Reports 1 and 10 submitted on November 5, 2014." Stakeholders along the original route were notified of the potential impact roughly between February and April 2014, and in October 2014 were given a schedule of Open Houses to be held during November and December 2014. Subsequently, in response to requests from Massachusetts lawmakers (as acknowledged in TGP's letter to the FERC of November 6, 2014), TGP canceled those events, ostensibly to give the affected communities more time to study and understand the project. Now, TGP proposes to hold Open Houses for New Hampshire citizens in January and February 2015, the last of which is scheduled only two and a half months after the revised route was announced.

The citizens of New Hampshire must be given the same consideration as our neighbors in Massachusetts. We request that the FERC instruct TGP to hold New Hampshire Open House events beginning no earlier than November 2015.

A petition seeking support for this delay is being delivered to the New Hampshire Governor and congressional delegation today, January 14, 2015. Copies of this petition and accompanying cover letter are attached to this comment.

Respectfully submitted,

NH Pipeline Awareness

To: Governor Margaret Hassan; Senator Kelly Ayotte; Senator Jeanne Shaheen; Congresswoman Ann McLane Kuster; Congressman Frank Guinta

From: New Hampshire citizens concerned about the Kinder Morgan pipeline

Subject: Petition to delay timetable for final decision on NED project

Summary request: Restart the clock from Dec. 8th, 2014, with Open Houses to be held around November, 2015

Address responses to: contact@nhpipelineawareness.org

Please respond by: We respectfully request your response no later than Feb 1, 2015; time is of the essence

On December 8th, 2014, 17 towns across southern New Hampshire suddenly and involuntarily found themselves in the path of the proposed Northeast Energy Direct (NED) natural gas pipeline.

As you may know, the original NED proposal from Kinder Morgan was for a gas transmission project originating in Wright, New York, and cutting eastward across Massachusetts. In late January 2014, Kinder Morgan started knocking on individual homeowners' doors and the Montague Reporter printed the first published article in Massachusetts on these proceedings. A statewide petition began to circulate in February 2014, and the first town resolution was passed by March 1, 2014.

Demanding more information, citizens had their first presentation night on the pipeline project in Cummington, MA, on March 8th. An overflow audience attended, including interested parties from Berkshire, Hampshire, Franklin, Worcester, and Middlesex counties. One Massachusetts representative expressed outrage at learning of the project at that very meeting, with no effort by Kinder Morgan to contact him or other officials. The Montague select board was the first to be asked for survey permission, but the board found the information provided by Kinder Morgan so nebulous that it denied the request. This led to the first of many local-awareness presentations by Kinder Morgan, who was pressured into conducting similar meetings over the following six months throughout the affected areas of Massachusetts. The first date set by Kinder Morgan on the original pipeline route for a formal Kinder Morgan-sponsored Open House was North Reading, MA on November 12, 2014 and was to culminate with a final Open House in Shelburne, MA on December 10th, 2014.

Thus, nearly one year separated the first public notification and inquiry and the last Massachusetts Open House event. The 17 affected townships of New Hampshire along the new preferred route and their 400 property owners deserve no less of an opportunity to conduct meetings, gather information, consult legal counsel, hold similar special town meetings, and gather task forces to assess the unique impact on each community. Many New Hampshire residents and their town leaders are only now receiving letters from Kinder Morgan informing them of the impact to their properties and communities. Predictably, as in Massachusetts, outrage from uninformed officials has ensued.

Kinder Morgan has just announced a schedule of Open Houses to be held in four New Hampshire communities between January 28 and February 18 of this year. This is unacceptable. While such a hurry-up schedule undoubtedly suits Kinder Morgan's agenda, it is patently unfair to New Hampshire citizens.

Many leaders and residents are still unaware of the project, and new populations gain awareness each day. Each person and each community requires time to absorb relevant information as well as to assess the ramifications of this project for themselves, their communities, their state, their regional energy policies, and their obligations to the federal government.

This petition is a formal request to New Hampshire lawmakers that they demand a postponement of formal proceedings related to the NED project such as Open Houses, drafting of impact statements, and ultimate decisions. New Hampshire residents deserve the same time and courtesies as those afforded to Massachusetts residents. Conducting Open Houses in November 2015 would grant ample and comparable time to those living along the newly proposed route. Please represent the interests of your constituents by demanding that New Hampshire be provided equal opportunity to assess this project.

In your response, please outline your strategy, including any steps you have already taken, for restarting the formal timetable of the New Hampshire preferred route.

Thank you,

We Need Time!

Dear Senators Ayotte and Shaheen, Representatives Guinta and Kuster, and Governor Hassan:

We, the undersigned constituents, request that you take action to postpone the imminent decision regarding the building of the natural gas pipeline known as NED. This project needs careful consideration by our towns and citizens. The decision whether or not to build this pipeline will have far-reaching consequences for our lives, health, safety, finances, and commitment to energy sources for a very long time to come. The impact on our New Hampshire environment will be enormous.

The clock began ticking on this project months—if not years—before the NH Power Line Route through Southern NH towns was actually filed as the preferred route on December 8th, 2014, and long before we in the affected towns even knew that such a pipeline was planned for our communities. We are being forced to adhere to a gas-company-imposed timeline, leaving us almost no time to inform our citizenry so that informed judgments regarding potential costs and benefits can be made. Elected officials are also indicating that a lack of information from the pipeline developers is delaying their taking a position for or against the pipeline.

We ask that you defend our right to know the full story before a final decision is rendered; that you assist us in slowing down this process so that we may understand the proposed pipeline's impact to our lives, our homes, and our land; in short, that you make the process more reasonable by allowing time for study and exploration of this very complex and critical matter.

Please allow us more time.

Sincerely,

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