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Re: Kinder Morgan proposed Northeast Energy Direct Project  
Docket N.PF14-22-000

Dear Chairman Bay:

I'm writing to inquire if you've received the attached letter, which was mailed May 16th.

If you have, could you tell me when it was posted on your website?

Sincerely,

James W. McConnell  
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Norman Bay, Chair  
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Re: Kinder Morgan proposed Northeast Energy Direct Project  
Docket N.PF14-22-000

Dear Chairman Bay:

This letter is written in opposition to Kinder Morgan's proposed Northeast Energy Direct Project. This is a position I share with a large majority of the legislators and virtually all of the towns in the project's proposed New Hampshire path.

Kinder Morgan has disappointed at every turn. It delayed meeting with almost all of the towns in the pipeline's proposed path for something on the order of ninety days. When Massachusetts residents demanded the same meetings last year along the original route, they were conducted singularly in each town over the course of many hours per night to accommodate all of the public inquiry. Subsequent meetings recently demanded by New Hampshire residents along the new preferred route were cut short as they were scheduled as back to back meetings in several towns per night seemingly in an effort to minimize or avoid public input.

The company has also conducted a campaign to create the appearance of progress from month to month but since its first Environmental Report, these reports have been full of "TBDs" in place of actual plans.

Thank you, Chairman Bay for your April 30th response to my docket letter dated April 2, 2015. Please understand that I have no expectation that any current or future "Draft" environmental report will at any point be deemed the "Final" report that TGP intends to file with its formal application. Nor would I expect TGP to file a formal application before all issues discussed during scoping hearings had been fully vetted and incorporated into the "Final" resource reports. I and my constituents have no expectation that TGP should or will finalize their resource reports in advance of scoping hearings. I find it necessary to point out again however that the current "Draft" report is covered with "TBD's" that should be addressed by TGP long before scoping hearings commence. I would encour-

age you and your commission staff to review all current and future draft resource reports and require TGP to provide a thorough site plan and/or business plan in place of all "TBDs" prior to initiating any formal public comment period. This is particularly urgent regarding business and site plans associated with the proposed 80,000 HP compressor station.

I would like to reiterate my hope that you will delay scoping hearings until all the "TBDs" and TGP's full business intentions have been adequately addressed. Ultimately, I hope you will deny TGP's application for a certificate of public convenience and necessity as their claims of demand along the proposed route through New Hampshire are suspect and their proposed route crossings will damage sensitive conservation lands, including numerous wetlands and aquifers.

In contrast to Kinder Morgan's Northeast Energy Direct pipeline proposal, the expansion of the existing Algonquin pipeline (Algonquin Incremental Market) supplying existing power plants in Connecticut, Massachusetts and, through existing connecting pipelines, New Hampshire, promises to reduce the energy shortfall in southern New England and help lower the cost of electricity throughout the region without the need for excessive and destructive infrastructure overbuild.

The Algonquin pipeline, which runs across Connecticut into eastern Massachusetts, will require only partial expansion, as some portions of the pipeline already have the ability to handle additional volume. Changes to the pipeline's existing route will not be required. Construction can be accomplished and the pipeline's expanded capacity can be up and running as soon as 2016.

New England has some of the highest electricity prices in the nation, making it expensive to live here and uncompetitive for many manufacturers. Expanding an existing pipeline to supply existing power plants to reduce the cost of electricity is an option I can strongly support. Senseless and destructive overbuild associated with the NED project, I cannot.

Sincerely,



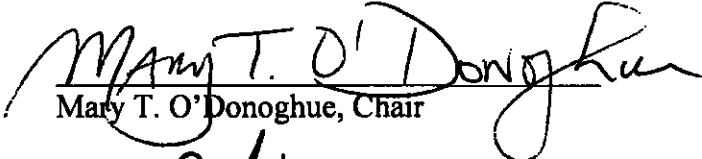
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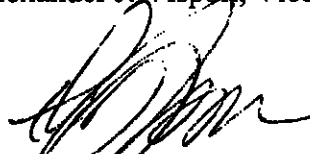
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Very truly yours,

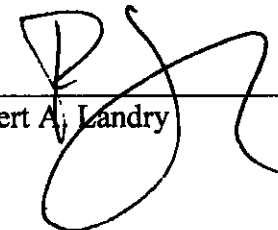
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