



August 17, 2015

Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
888 First Street, N.E.
Washington, DC 20426

Re: Tennessee Gas Pipeline Company, L.L.C., Docket No. PF14-22-000
Northeast Energy Direct Project
Monthly Status Report -- July 2015

Dear Ms. Bose:

Tennessee Gas Pipeline Company, L.L.C. ("Tennessee") is filing with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission ("Commission") in Docket No. PF14-22-000 its monthly pre-filing status report for the above-referenced project. The enclosed status report covers the period July 1 through July 31, 2015.

In accordance with the Commission's filing requirements, Tennessee is submitting this filing with the Commission's Secretary through the eFiling system. Tennessee is also providing complete copies of this filing to the Office of Energy Projects ("OEP"). Any questions concerning the enclosed filing should be addressed to Ms. Jacquelyne Rocan at (713) 420-4544 or to Ms. Shannon Miller at (713) 420-4038.

Respectfully submitted,

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**Tennessee Gas Pipeline Company, L.L.C. (“Tennessee”)
Northeast Energy Direct (“NED”) Project, Docket No. PF14-22-000**

**Pre-Filing Monthly Activity Report
(Reporting Period: July 1, 2015 through July 31, 2015)**

Public Outreach

- Tennessee provided the following NED Project notifications:
 - On July 1, 2015, Tennessee provided applicable elected officials with the Commission’s public scoping meeting schedule.
 - On July 16, 2015, Tennessee provided applicable elected officials and stakeholders with the Tennessee press release announcing that it is proceeding with the Market Path Component of the Project.
 - On July 24, 2015, Tennessee provided applicable elected officials with the second draft of the Environmental Report (Resource Reports 1 through 13).
 - On July 31, 2015, Tennessee provided applicable elected officials and stakeholders with a link to the new Project website.

Environmental

- Tennessee filed the second draft of the Environmental Report (Resource Reports 1 through 13) with the Commission on July 24, 2015.
- Tennessee continued to work on revising Resource Reports 1 through 13 for the final Environmental Report, to be included with the certificate application filing, scheduled for October 2015.
- Tennessee continued field surveys during the reporting period, including cultural, environmental, and threatened and endangered species surveys. Threatened and endangered species surveys conducted during the reporting period include bat acoustic surveys across the Project area; bog turtle surveys in Rensselaer County, New York; and plant surveys in Pennsylvania, New York, New Hampshire, and Connecticut. Tennessee continues to prepare for additional threatened and endangered species surveys throughout the Project area once survey protocols are finalized.
- As of July 31, 2015, biological surveys have taken place over approximately 86.32 miles, or 52 percent, of the NED Project Supply Path component route, and approximately 64.36 miles, or 26 percent, of the NED Project Market Path component route. In addition, cultural resource surveys have taken place over approximately 94.23 miles, or 57 percent, of the NED Project Supply Path component route, and approximately 36.73 miles, or 15 percent, of the NED Project Market Path component route. Table 1 below summarizes the completion status of environmental and cultural surveys.

Table 1: Civil, Biological, and Cultural Surveys Performed

Segment	Survey Area* (miles)	Survey Completed (miles)		
		Civil**	Environmental	Cultural
NED Project (Supply Path)	171	C: 95.3 D: 86.4	86.32	94.23
NED Project (Market Path)	248	C: 56.6 D: 46.3	64.36	36.73
% Complete		C: 36% D: 32%	36%	31%

*The total survey area in Table 1 does not correlate precisely to proposed total length of pipeline for the NED Project. This number represents the survey area for the proposed pipeline and for evaluation of route alternatives.

** "C" represents center line staking. "D" represents completed civil detail survey.

Project Meetings

- Tennessee met with the New York Department of Environmental Conservation ("NYSDEC") on July 14, 2015.
- Tennessee attended a tribal meeting with Commission staff, Tennessee representatives, and tribal representatives held in Oneonta, New York on July 16, 2015.
- Tennessee met with the New York State Parks Recreation & Historic Preservation on July 27, 2015.
- Tennessee met with the Massachusetts Natural Heritage & Endangered Species Program on July 28, 2015.
- Tennessee met with the New York State Department of Agriculture & Markets on July 28, 2015.
- Tennessee met with the New York Department of Transportation on July 28, 2015.
- Tennessee met with the Massachusetts Environmental Policy Act Unit on July 29, 2015.
- Tennessee met with the NYSDEC on July 29, 2015.
- Tennessee met with the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services Wetlands Bureau on July 29, 2015.
- The Commission conducted the following scoping meetings during the reporting period:
 - Towanda, Pennsylvania -- July 14, 2015
 - Castleton-on-Hudson -- July 14, 2015
 - Great Bend, Pennsylvania -- July 15, 2015
 - Castleton-on-Hudson -- July 15, 2015
 - Oneonta, New York -- July 16, 2015
 - Schoharie, New York -- July 16, 2015
 - Pittsfield, Massachusetts -- July 28, 2015
 - Nashua, New Hampshire -- July 29, 2015
 - Greenfield, Massachusetts -- July 29, 2015
 - Milford, New Hampshire -- July 30, 2015
 - New Britain, Connecticut -- July 30, 2015

Right-of-Way

- Tennessee has obtained survey permission for approximately 39% of the NED Project Market Path component area, and approximately 55% of the NED Project Supply Path component area.
- Title work is approximately 95% completed for the NED Project Market Path component area and approximately 97% completed for the NED Supply Path component area.
- Tennessee has received 225 calls as of the date of this report on the toll-free phone number established for the Project.
- Tennessee is continuing with survey permission requests in order to conduct bat surveys and access road surveys throughout the Project area.
- Tennessee mailed out its Landowner Newsletter at the end of the reporting period.

Engineering

- Tennessee continues to evaluate the proposed route for the Project. Deviations to the proposed route are being reviewed to accommodate construction constraints, and requests from landowners, towns, and applicable regulatory agencies. Some examples include requests for

- routing deviations submitted by Amherst, New Hampshire and the NYSDEC. Tennessee will continue these evaluations based on information provided during the upcoming scoping meetings.
- Tennessee continues to evaluate the proposed major river crossings, including potential Horizontal Directional Drill (“HDD”) locations. Tennessee is conducting environmental surveys where access is available at these potential locations, and will seek appropriate permits, as needed, for geotechnical investigations.
 - Tennessee contracted for aerial photography of the proposed primary route for the Project and for several alternative routes discussed in the draft Resource Report 10 submitted on March 13, 2015. The primary route was flown to a one-mile corridor and the imagery continues to be processed. LiDAR information as well as high resolution photography has been acquired and is currently being processed, and will be included with the certificate application filing targeted for October 2015. It is anticipated that additional areas where re-routes have occurred, as identified in the July 24, 2015 second draft Environmental Report, will be flown in the fall after the leaves are off the trees.
 - Tennessee provided preliminary layouts for some of the proposed compressor stations as part of the July 24, 2015 second draft Environmental Report. Surveys of these locations were conducted at most of the proposed sites during the reporting period.
 - Tennessee field engineers continue to identify available access roads, pipe/construction yards, and other areas proposed for use during construction.
 - Survey activities identifying and staking the centerline along all routes on accessible land continued during the reporting period. Work being performed includes staking and detail survey along the pipeline route and surveys of supporting sites such as contractor yards and compressor stations. The Project is nearing its total available areas of survey access.
 - Tennessee continued discussions with the electric utility companies regarding the co-location of proposed Project facilities with existing utility corridors. Eversource provided Tennessee with property information of their facilities. This information is being utilized to layout the proposed alignment in relation to their easement. When access is granted, Tennessee will then follow up with field survey to finalize the property base.
 - Tennessee has conducted an initial analysis based on public imagery to review class locations to allow for siting of mainline valves. Mainline valve sites continue to be field-reviewed. Locations will be re-evaluated following the final imagery and class determination.
 - Structures along the proposed pipeline alignment were located during the aerial flights. This information is being evaluated for final class location determination. Field teams are reviewing the structures where access is available to determine their use.
 - Preliminary construction spreads have been determined. A hydrostatic test plan is being developed, including depicting potential water supplies and discharge locations.
 - Residential figures were provided based on public information for residences within 50 feet of the proposed workspace with the July draft Environmental Report. These drawings are being updated for the next filing utilizing the flown imagery for structure locations.
 - Reviewed the trenchless crossing table with the NYSDEC and discussed a path forward for the Highway I-88 hybrid route. Tennessee agreed to review the I-88 route and provide a follow up report on its conclusions directly to the NYSDEC within the FERC comment period. The next filing of Resource Report 10 will contain a summary of the report findings.

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