

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION

INTERAGENCY PRE-FILING CONFERENCE CALL

Tennessee Gas Pipeline Company, LLC

Docket No: PF14-22-000

NORTHEAST ENERGY DIRECT PROJECT

June 11, 2015

Agencies in Attendance (list of attendees is attached):

- Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC)
 - Cardno (FERC 3rd Party Contractor)
- U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA)
- U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS)
- PA Department of Environmental Protection (PA DEP)
- NY State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC)
- NY State Parks and Recreation
- NY Department of Transportation
- NY State Department of Public Health
- MA Attorney General's Office
- Southwest Region Planning Commission
- Berkshire Regional Planning Commission
- Nashua Regional Planning Commission
- Delaware River Basin Commission
- Franklin Regional Council of Governments
- Tennessee Gas Pipeline (Tennessee Gas)
 - AECOM (Contractor for Tennessee Gas)
 - Hatch Mott (Contractor for Tennessee Gas)
 - Louis Berger (Contractor for Tennessee Gas)

Meeting Summary

The conference call was conducted to provide an overview of the FERC's role for the Northeast Energy Direct (NED) Project as well as to review the general status of the schedule, field surveys, landowner coordination, and the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) process. Topics discussed included:

- Resource Report Review and NOI Status
 - Environmental Comments on the draft resource reports issued on Friday, May 15th. Tennessee Gas is required to incorporate responses into its next set of draft resource reports.
 - Cumulative impacts request sent to agencies on May 15th.
 - Tennessee Gas filed compressor station information on June 1st. One June 2nd Tennessee Gas filed information describing deletion of Worcester Loop and Stamford Loop from the project. This information was sent to agencies by FERC on June 11th.
 - Tennessee Gas planning to file second set of Resource Reports the week of July 20th.

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- Notice of Intent (NOI) currently being drafted by FERC and will likely be issued next week. Issuance of the NOI will open the comment period. The comment period will likely be 60 days or longer due to the number of scoping meetings.
 - FERC determining venues for approximately 14 scoping meetings. The meetings are generally planned for the following locations:
 - Towanda, PA
 - Great Bend, PA
 - Oneonta, NY
 - Schoharie, NY
 - Rensselaer County, NY area – meetings will be held two successive nights at this location
 - Pittsfield, MA
 - Greenfield, MA
 - Dracut, MA
 - Lunenburg, MA
 - Cheshire County, NH
 - Milford, NH
 - Nashua, NH
 - Bloomfield, CT
 - FERC will accept both written and verbal comments at the scoping meetings.
 - The meetings in PA and NY are planned for the week of July 13th. Meetings are planned in CT, MA, and NH for the week of July 27th. Two meetings are planned the week of August 10th in MA. FERC will give specific dates and times for the meetings once venues are scheduled. FERC anticipates most meetings will be well-attended due to the size of the project. These dates/locations are subject to change as we get more information regarding the venues.
 - FERC plans to schedule agency meetings during the scoping period.
- Tennessee Gas Status update
 - Surveys
 - Wetlands and Threatened and Endangered (T & E) species surveys are continuing in NY and PA. Crews have begun surveys in MA and NH.
 - Cultural resource surveys are being conducted in PA and NY. Tennessee Gas is waiting for approval from MA and NH agencies before conducting cultural resource surveys in those states.
 - Approximately 721 segments along the ROW have been identified for acoustic surveys. Surveys have been conducted on 65 of these segments. Indiana Bat and Northern Long-Eared bat hibernacula was found in four locations within the 65 surveyed segments. These four locations were all in NY. Upcoming acoustic surveys to be conducted in CT and NH.
 - Tennessee Gas has conducted a horizontal directional drill (HDD) geotechnical analysis and borings for the Hudson River crossing. It will take approximately one month to complete the analysis.
 - Tennessee Gas continued to work on contracting with the Tribes for their participation in cultural resource surveys.
 - Survey access continues to remain at approximately 30 – 40%. Tennessee Gas is continuing with centerline and staking surveys where access has been granted.

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- Meetings
 - Tennessee Gas met with the MA Natural Resources and MA Environmental Policy Act (MEPA) regulatory agency staff.
 - Tennessee Gas is coordinating with NH on the NH siting process
 - Additional meetings are planned with state Natural Heritage agencies and State Historic Preservation Offices (SHPOs).
 - Tennessee Gas plans schedule Tribal meetings during the scoping period.

Discussion

- FERC sent out cumulative impact question to all of the agencies to get feedback on appropriate Region of Influences for each resource. FERC will be sending guidance to Tennessee Gas.

Next Call

- Agency call will be held every 2 weeks
- Next call tentatively scheduled for June 25th, 2015.

List of Attendees	
Organization	Name
FERC	Eric Tomasi
Cardno	Wayne Kicklighter
Cardno	Jackie Layton
Cardno	Jennifer Harris
Cardno	Lorraine Woodman
USEPA	Tim Timmerman
USFWS	Tim Sullivan
USFWS	Maria Tur
PA DEP	Jim Miller
NYSDEC	Stephen Tomasik
NYSDEC	Mark Wythall
NYS Parks and Recreation	Diana Perth
NYS Dept. Public Health	Jane Thapa
NYS Dept. Public Health	Lloyd Wilson
MA Attorney General's Office	Matt Ireland
MA Attorney General's Office	Melissa Hoffer
Berkshire Regional Planning Commission	Tom Matuszko
Southwest Region Planning Commission	Henry Underwood
Nashua Regional Planning Commission	Sara Siskavich
Delaware River Basin Commission	David Kovach
Franklin Regional Council of Governments	Peggy Sloane
Tennessee Gas	Michael Letson
Tennessee Gas	Howdy McCracken
Tennessee Gas	Mark Hamarich
Tennessee Gas	Jacquelyne Rocan
Tennessee Gas	Deborah McCartney
Hatch Mott	John M. Quinlisk
Hatch Mott	Douglas Gibbons
Hatch Mott	Theresa Albanese
Louis Berger	Hope Luhman
AECOM	Eileen Banach