Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

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

Dear Chairman LaFleur:

We request that Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) provide New Hampshire stakeholders a full opportunity to meaningfully express their views regarding Kinder Morgan's 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.

On December 8, 2014, Kinder Morgan filed a New Hampshire Powerline Alternative route with FERC. The new proposal shifts much of the pipeline out of northern Massachusetts – where it was originally planned – to southern New Hampshire. Specifically, the new proposed route would impact the following towns and cities in New Hampshire: Winchester, Richmond, Troy, Fitzwilliam, Rindge, New Ipswich, Greenville, Mason, Milford, Brookline, Amherst, Merrimack, Litchfield, Londonderry, Hudson, Windham, Pelham, and Salem.

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 FERC 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

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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 Kinder Morgan requesting their timely cooperation to ensure the application and review process moves forward in a thorough and deliberate manner.

CC:
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Sincerely yours,

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