



TOWN OF LITCHFIELD

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

Re: Tennessee Gas Pipeline Company, L.L.C, Docket #PF14-22-000

Dear Secretary Bose:

As the elected governing body, we wish to share concerns about Kinder Morgan's Northeast Energy Direct (NED) project proposed to pass through our community. The New Hampshire portion of this route includes approximately 2.68 miles in Litchfield with an estimated impact of 67 landowners.

1. The current route passes through a residential neighborhood with cul-de-sacs at each end, leaving a single point of access and egress in the case of any hazard during either construction or operation. More troubling, the proposed right of way area severely impacts 13 residential properties along Wren Street and Mockingbird Lane. The current utility easement for Eversource bisects these lots which are approximately an acre each. Further disruption with the necessary setbacks for the pipeline from the existing electrical service appears to severely hamper the use and enjoyment of these properties. Additionally, with such a major disruption to the use and enjoyment of these properties, we are concerned about the detrimental impact on resale value which not only directly impacts these residents, but also the town generally through the loss of tax base.
2. Currently, there are five major pipeline projects proposed for New England that have the potential to carry 4.5 billion cubic feet of gas per day which appears to be more than four times the amount that any independent study has identified as necessary to meet the region's future need. Clearly, it is not feasible from an economic perspective for all of these projects to proceed simultaneously. In this light, the Kinder Morgan project seems excessive and the actual need relative to other activities in

the market has not been adequately demonstrated to justify the disruption to our community. We are further concerned about the long run viability of the Kinder Morgan project, if market conditions do not warrant its continued operation after installation in Litchfield. Our residents may endure the disruption for no long term community or regional benefit.

3. The routing of the so called "Powerline Alternative" through New Hampshire appears to be an action of perceived regulatory convenience. The pipeline enters Massachusetts and ends in Massachusetts, but has an unnecessary diversion into New Hampshire. No new distribution facilities have been proposed for New Hampshire and no new electricity generators have been sited or approved in New Hampshire. Moreover, the major electric distribution and generation company in the state and the company that services Litchfield, Eversource Energy has committed as a co-developer of the competing Spectra Energy Access Northeast project. Again, we do not see why our community should endure the disruption by the speculative Kinder Morgan project.

4. No meaningful commitment has been made to expand residential and commercial natural gas service as a result of this pipeline. While our local provider, Liberty Utilities, has committed to use a small portion of the massive capacity of the Kinder Morgan project, their actual agreement does not appear to represent any expansion of capacity in our community. Small portions of Litchfield have natural gas service from Liberty Utilities and others have sought our Board's assistance to expand that service. However, Liberty's lack of commitment on this, tied to the new capacity of this proposed pipeline, does not demonstrate any benefit of the Kinder Morgan pipeline to Litchfield. Further, we have heard testimony at a recent hearing that we hosted, that a major commercial/industrial user in town has had requests from Liberty to reduce usage during peak demand periods. Yet, no specific guaranty has been made that the enhanced regional capacity proposed by the Kinder Morgan pipeline will address this business disruption.

Based on all of the concerns outlined above, we feel this project is not appropriate for our community. At our meeting of April 13, 2015, the Board of Selectmen voted unanimously to oppose this project.

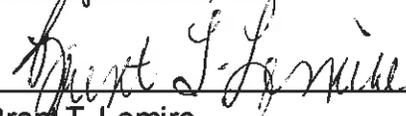
This project has generated a significant amount of interest and concern in our community. We urge careful consideration of these issues and further request that one of the required scoping meetings be held in Litchfield so that our residents' concerns can be heard directly.



Steven D. Perry, Chairman

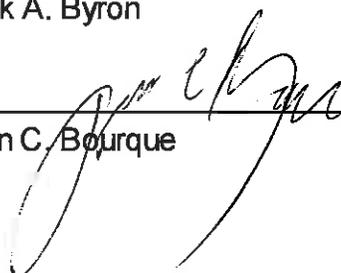


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