

**NOTES FROM MEETING WITH ERIC TOMASI, ENVIRONMENTAL ENGINEER, FERC, ON FRIDAY, APRIL 24, 2015:**

In person presentations and testimony at public meetings, are important, but FERC and FERC staff give equal weight to written submissions

Kinder Morgan/Tennessee Pipeline (hereinafter KMTP) gave notice of intent to pursue the Northeast Pipeline Proposal (hereinafter NPP) on 9/14/14.

KMTP does not plan on holding any further open house meetings in the project area.

FERC has received research reports from KMTP

One very important item is missing from the information submitted so far by KMTP – the proposed location for the nine (9) compressor stations that must be built.

Next important step will be the scoping notice on the manner of subjects to be covered by the Draft Environmental Impact Statement – FERC will insist that the compressor station locations be included

The scoping comment period will be thirty (30) days, and submission of detailed statements on the proposed scoping statement is a CRITICAL stage.

The formal comment period is also very important in that KMTP must respond to all comments

Get all concerns on the record before FERC in writing as early as possible

Agency questions by FERC to KMTP are very important

There will be a second set of draft research reports

The next set of research reports had better have all nine (9) compressor stations located per FERC staff person Tomasi

There might be a 3<sup>rd</sup> set of research reports but only if the first 2 sets of research reports are really bad.

The formal application by KMTP for a certificate of need and necessity will be filed probably in September/October 2015.

The formal application will be reviewed similar to the plan acceptance process before a planning board – has the applicant submitted sufficient information to meet the minimum requirements of the FERC application check list.

A notice of application acceptance will then be submitted by FERC and at that point interested parties can file interventions. Any person with a vested interest in the outcome can file for intervention status.

Some of the information that has been (or will be) submitted to FERC by KMTP may be confidential and thus not available if the information deals with critical energy infrastructure matters.

After receipt of the formal application in September/October 2015 will FERC issue a notice of Schedule and that will be sent to all potentially affected landowners

There will be more public meetings held during the DRAFT Environmental Impact Statement process. FERC uses an environmental consulting firm called CARDNO to do all of their work for environmental issues.

After the draft EIS statement is completed, and all comments are received and responded to, the final EIS is completed. After receipt of the final EIS from FERC state the FERC commissioners can vote on granting a certificate of need and necessity within 30 days, and they usually do so.

Only environmental comments get individual responses, but any final order issued by the FERC commissioners will respond to all non-environmental comments.

If the objecting towns want to be taken seriously they need to propose an alternative route for the pipeline.

Any and all eminent domain/taking activities will only take place after the certificate of need and necessity is issued by FERC.