



Tennessee Gas Pipeline
Company, L.L.C.
a Kinder Morgan company

April 22, 2016

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. CP16-21-000
Northeast Energy Direct Project

Dear Ms. Bose:

On November 20, 2015, Tennessee Gas Pipeline Company, L.L.C. ("Tennessee") filed with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission ("Commission") a certificate application ("Application") in the above-referenced docket for the Northeast Energy Direct Project ("Project"). The Application remains pending before the Commission.

As a result of inadequate capacity commitments from prospective customers and a determination that the Project is uneconomic, Kinder Morgan, Inc., Tennessee's parent company, announced on April 20, 2016 that the company would suspend further work and expenditures on the Project. At this time, Tennessee is in the process of determining how best to proceed consistent with existing contracts. As a result, Tennessee respectfully requests that the Commission not take any further action in processing the Application, pending Tennessee submitting a status report to the Commission no later than May 26, 2016.

In accordance with the Commission's filing requirements, Tennessee is submitting this filing with the Commission's Secretary through the eFiling system, and is providing a copy of this filing copy of this filing to the Office of Energy Projects and to all parties on the official service list for this proceeding.

Respectfully submitted,

TENNESSEE GAS PIPELINE COMPANY, L.L.C.

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Gas pipeline plan suspended

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Gas pipeline plan suspended, but Feds want official word

Opponents of the Northeast Energy Direct natural gas pipeline were celebrating the project's apparent demise Thursday but also waiting to see what developers tell federal regulators.

Houston-based energy firm Kinder Morgan issued a statement Wednesday saying it had "suspended further work and expenditures" on the planned 188-mile, \$3.1-billion NED pipeline that would begin in Schoharie County and pass through southern Albany and Rensselaer counties eastward to Boston.

The company blamed a lack of potential customers for the gas. On Thursday, however, Kinder Morgan's project application to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission remained unchanged.

Tamara Young-Allen, FERC spokeswoman in Washington, D.C., said there is no such status as "suspended" for pipeline applications.

Under FERC rules, applications can only be amended or withdrawn, she said. After an application is withdrawn, a new application can be filed.

"We are awaiting a filing from the company to inform us of their plans going forward," she said.

Company spokesman Richard Wheatley said Kinder Morgan was "taking under advisement how best to proceed, consistent with our contracts."

Wheatley added the company was "not planning to proceed with the project as currently configured" and it was "unlikely" the suspension would be lifted. However, he said, the company will "continue to work with customers to explore alternative solutions to address their needs."

Wheatley said the company last year tabled the other portion of the NED pipeline — a section that would begin in the natural gas fracking fields of northern Pennsylvania and continue along the Interstate 88 corridor to the Schoharie County town of Wright — from where the so-called "market" section of the pipe would continue to the Capital Region and beyond.

NED opponents welcomed the project's seeming abandonment, but were waiting to see what Kinder Morgan tells federal regulators on its fate.

"I was shocked to see this last night," said Nassau Town Supervisor David Fleming, a leading NED opponent. "I am ecstatic for today, but until I see Kinder Morgan file something in writing with FERC, I will be uncertain that the project is completely dead." Another longtime opponent, Sandy Nathan, a Nassau resident who belongs to the grass-roots group Stop the Pipeline, said that the company's "failure to simply and cleanly withdraw the (FERC) application is concerning. But I do want to enjoy this good feeling that I and people across New York, Massachusetts and New Hampshire are having and sharing."