Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
Office of Energy Projects

PRE-FILING REVIEW for the
NORTHEAST ENERGY DIRECT PROJECT
FERC Docket No. PF14-22-000

The Project: Northeast Energy Direct Project

Tennessee Gas Pipeline Company, LLC (Tennessee Gas) has announced its plans to construct and operate approximately 429 miles of new natural gas transmission pipeline and associated facilities in Pennsylvania, New York, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Connecticut, and Rhode Island. This Northeast Energy Direct Project (Project) would also involve modifications at existing compressor and meter stations and construction of 9 new compressor stations, 15 new meter stations, and various appurtenant facilities. These facilities would be capable of providing 2.2 billion cubic feet per day of capacity to transport natural gas to markets in the northeastern United States and Canada.

The pipeline proposed for construction includes supply path and market path components. The Supply Path component would deliver gas from the existing Tennessee Gas 300 Line to its existing 200 Line and the Market Path component of the Project. The Supply Path would include approximately 135 miles in Pennsylvania and New York that would be generally collocated with the Constitution Pipeline, as well as 32 miles of pipeline loop along the 300 Line in Pennsylvania.

The Market Path would include approximately 188 miles of pipeline extending from Wright, New York, into Massachusetts and New Hampshire and then ending in Dracut, Massachusetts where it would connect with the existing Tennessee Gas 200 Line and other existing pipeline systems. The Market Path would generally be collocated with existing linear infrastructure.

In addition, the Project would include construction of 11 pipeline laterals, loops, or delivery lines in Massachusetts (52 miles), Connecticut (16 miles), and New Hampshire (7 miles) to provide natural gas to local markets.

If all required permits, certificates, and authorizations are obtained, Tennessee Gas plans to begin Project construction in January 2017.

The Process: A "Pre-Filing" Environmental Review has Begun

The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) is the lead federal agency responsible for conducting the environmental review of interstate natural gas pipeline projects in compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). As part of this process, the FERC will prepare a detailed environmental analysis for the Project. The FERC will use the analysis to consider the environmental impact that could result if it issues Tennessee Gas a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity under Section 7 of the Natural Gas Act (NGA) for the pipeline project.

The Project is in the preliminary planning phase – the precise details have not yet been finalized and formal applications have not been filed with the FERC. However, the FERC staff has begun the pre-filing review of the Project, which enables review of a project to begin before an application is filed with the FERC. The purpose of the Pre-Filing Process is to seek public and agency input early in the planning phase and encourage involvement by interested stakeholders in a manner that allows for the early identification and resolution of environmental issues. The FERC staff will work with all interested stakeholders to identify and attempt to address issues before Tennessee Gas files the formal application with the FERC. The FERC staff will be requesting that other jurisdictional agencies participate in the environmental review of the Project within the framework of the Pre-Filing Process. The overall FERC environmental review process is depicted in the attached flow chart.

The FERC staff is participating in public open houses sponsored by Tennessee Gas to explain the environmental review process to interested stakeholders. FERC-sponsored public scoping meetings will also be held at a later date to obtain additional public input. After the open houses, the FERC staff will issue a Notice of Intent (NOI) to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Project. The NOI will provide a description

of the planned Project, discuss the environmental issues identified to date, and request comments or concerns about the Project. It will be published in the Federal Register and sent to affected landowners, jurisdictional agencies, governmental entities, Native American tribes, citizen groups, local libraries and newspapers, and other interested parties.

Details about public meetings or site visits will also be posted on the FERC's calendar located at www.ferc.gov/EventCalendar/EventsList.aspx. You can make a difference by providing the FERC staff with your specific comments or concerns about the Project during these public input opportunities.

Your Input Is Valued

Early involvement by you and others will help the FERC staff evaluate the Project's potential impact on the environment. Please help this process work by providing the FERC with comments and concerns about the potential environmental impact of the Project, as described below. You can also contact Tennessee Gas directly with your specific comments or concerns about the Project. Your comments to the FERC will be most useful if they focus on the potential environmental effects of the proposal, alternatives to the proposal (including alternative configurations, locations, and routes), and measures to avoid or lessen environmental impact. The more specific your comments, the more useful they will be. Comments submitted to the FERC during the pre-filing process will be part of the public record and will not have to be resubmitted after the formal applications are filed with the FERC.

The Outcome: NEPA Document

Tennessee Gas is expected to file a formal application with the FERC in September 2015. After receipt of the formal FERC application, the FERC staff will take comments received on the Project during the Pre-Filing Process and address them in a detailed environmental analysis. The environmental analysis will describe the Project and alternatives and will identify existing environmental conditions and the potential impacts from the Project. The analysis will also describe mitigation measures, construction procedures, and routing and siting considerations that could be implemented to eliminate or reduce impacts. A diagram depicting the environmental review process, including opportunities for public input is attached.

How to Share Your Comments and Concerns with the FERC

Electronically

Comments may be filed with the FERC via the Internet on the FERC's website. See the instructions at http://www.ferc.gov under the eFiling link and the link to the User's Guide.

Before you can file comments you will need to create an account by clicking on "Sign-up" under "New User." You will be asked to select the type of submission you are making. This type of submission is considered a "Comment on Filing." **Electronic filing is strongly encouraged.**

In addition, there is an "eComment" option available, which is an easy method for interested persons to submit text only comments on a project. The eComment User Guide can be viewed at http://www.ferc.gov/help/how-to/ecomment.asp.

Using eComment does not require a FERC eRegistration account; however, you will be asked to provide a valid email address. All comments submitted under either the eFiling or eComment options are placed in the public record for the specified docket or project number.

By mail or a private mailing service

If you submit comments by hard copy, please send an original and two copies of your letter to:

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

Reference **Docket No. PF14-22-000** on the original and both copies, and label one copy of your comments to the attention of the **Gas Branch 3, DG2E.**

How to See What Else Is Filed with the FERC

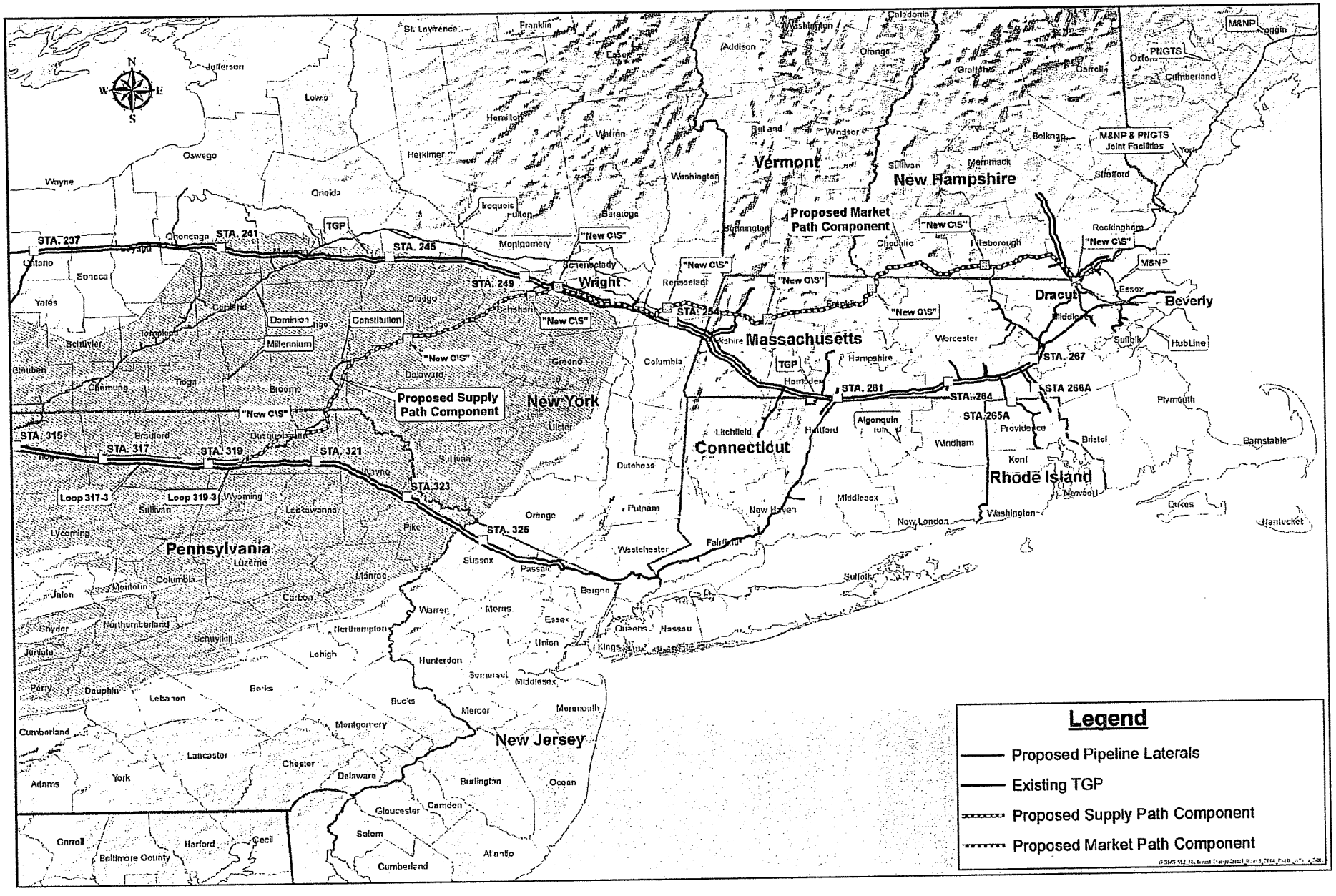
To see what information has been filed with the FERC regarding the Project, go to the FERC website at www.ferc.gov and use the "eLibrary" link. Select "General Search" from the eLibrary menu and enter the docket number (i.e., PF14-22) in the "Docket Number" field. Be sure you have selected an appropriate date range and follow the instructions.

Searches may also be done using the phrase "Northeast Energy Direct Project" in the "Text Search" field. For assistance with access to eLibrary, use FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov or the FERC telephone helpline at 1-866-208-3676 (TTY contact 202-502-8659).

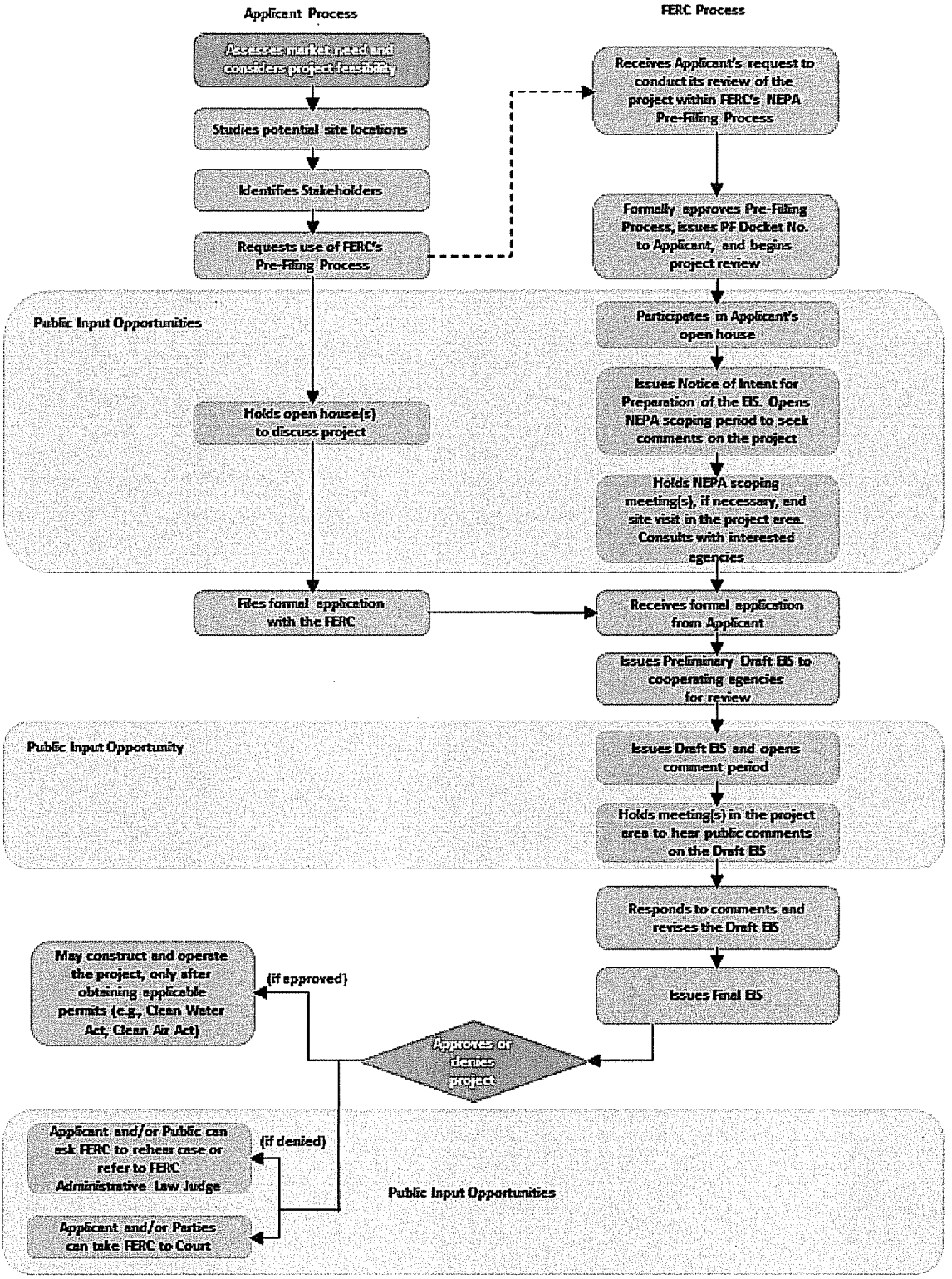
How to Contact Tennessee Gas

To request additional information on the Project or to provide comments directly to Tennessee Gas, you can contact Tennessee Gas by phone at (844) 277-1047 or by email at nedinfo@kindermorgan.com. Also, Tennessee Gas has established an Internet website at http://www.kindermorgan.com/business/gas_pipelines/east/neenergydirect.

The website includes a description of the Project, frequently asked questions and responses, and links to related documents. Tennessee Gas will update the website as the environmental review of the Project proceeds.


Legend
Proposed Pipeline Laterals
Existing TGP
Proposed Supply Path Component
Proposed Market Path Component
Proposed Supply Path Component
Proposed Market Path Component
New York
Pennsylvania
Vermont
New Hampshire
Massachusetts
Connecticut
Rhode Island
New Jersey
Wright
Dracut
Beverly
STA. 237
STA. 241
STA. 245
STA. 249
STA. 254
STA. 261
STA. 264
STA. 265A
STA. 266A
STA. 267
STA. 315
STA. 317
STA. 319
STA. 321
STA. 323
STA. 325
Loop 317-3
Loop 319-3
TGP
"New CIS"
Dominion
Constitution
Millennium
M&NP
PNGTS
M&NP & PNGTS Joint Facilities
HubLine

PF14-22-000

FERC

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW PROCESS