



April 8, 2015

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. PF14-22-000
Northeast Energy Direct Project
Monthly Status Report -- March 2015

Dear Ms. Bose:

Tennessee Gas Pipeline Company, L.L.C. ("Tennessee") is filing with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission ("Commission") in Docket No. PF14-22-000 its monthly pre-filing status report for the above-referenced project. The enclosed status report covers the period March 1 through March 31, 2015.

In accordance with the Commission's filing requirements, Tennessee is submitting this filing with the Commission's Secretary through the eFiling system. Tennessee is also providing complete copies of this filing to the Office of Energy Projects ("OEP"). Any questions concerning the enclosed filing should be addressed to Ms. Jacquelyne Rocan at (713) 420-4544 or to Ms. Shannon Miller at (713) 420-4038.

Respectfully submitted,

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**Tennessee Gas Pipeline Company, L.L.C. (“Tennessee”)
Northeast Energy Direct (“NED”) Project, Docket No. PF14-22-000**

**Pre-Filing Monthly Activity Report
(Reporting Period: March 1, 2015 through March 31, 2015)**

Public Outreach

- Tennessee has distributed the following NED Project notifications:
 - On March 5, 2015, provided impacted elected officials with a copy of Tennessee’s press release announcing confirmed anchor shippers for the Project.
 - On March 11, 2015, notified impacted elected officials in New York and Pennsylvania of details of the eight open houses scheduled to be held in April 2015.
 - On March 13, 2015, notified impacted elected officials that Tennessee filed a draft Environmental Report (Resource Reports 1 through 13) with the Commission and provided a link to the filing.
 - On March 24, 2015, provided impacted elected officials with a copy of the March Project newsletter.

- Tennessee conducted the following town presentations:
 - March 23, 2015: Litchfield, New Hampshire -- Town Presentation
 - March 23, 2015: Amherst, New Hampshire -- Town Presentation
 - March 24, 2015: Mason, New Hampshire -- Town Presentation
 - March 25, 2015: Rindge, New Hampshire -- Town Presentation
 - March 25, 2015: New Ipswich, New Hampshire -- Town Presentation
 - March 26, 2015: Pelham, New Hampshire -- Town Presentation
 - March 26, 2015: Merrimack, New Hampshire -- Town Presentation
 - March 30, 2015: Windham, New Hampshire -- Town Presentation

Environmental

- Tennessee filed a draft Environmental Report, which included Resource Reports 1 through 13, with the Commission on March 13, 2015.
- Tennessee is continuing to make preparations for 2015 field surveys, including cultural, environmental, and threatened and endangered species surveys. Threatened and endangered species protocols are being developed, and agency consultations are ongoing.
- As of March 31, 2015, biological surveys have taken place over approximately 32.6 miles, or 21 percent, of the NED Project Supply Path component route, and approximately 42.4 miles, or 17 percent, of the NED Project Market Path component route. In addition, cultural resource surveys have taken place over approximately 31.2 miles, or 20 percent, of the NED Project Supply Path component route, and approximately 30.9 miles, or 12 percent, of the NED Project Market Path component route. Table 1 below summarizes the completion status of environmental and cultural surveys.

• **Table 1: Civil, Biological, and Cultural Surveys Performed**

<u>Segment</u>	<u>Survey Area*</u>		<u>Survey Completed (miles)</u>		
	(miles)		<u>Civil**</u>	<u>Environmental</u>	<u>Cultural</u>
NED Project (Supply Path)	159		C: 78.85 D: 71.11	32.6	31.2
NED Project (Market Path)	253		C: 83.10 D: 63.55	42.4	30.9
% Complete			C: 39.31% D: 32.68%	18%	15%

*The total survey area in Table 1 does not correlate precisely to proposed total length of pipeline for the NED Project. This number represents the survey area for the proposed pipeline and for evaluation of route alternatives.

** "C" represents center line staking. "D" represents completed civil detail survey.

Project Meetings

- Tennessee met with the Pennsylvania Nature Conservancy on March 3, 2015 regarding the Project.
- Tennessee attended the Commission's Section 106 Tribal Consultation Meeting on March 18, 2015 to discuss the Project.

Right-of-Way

- Tennessee has obtained survey permission for approximately 36% of the NED Project Market Path component area, and approximately 49% of the NED Project Supply Path component area.
- Title work for the NED Project Market Path component area is approximately 67% completed and the NED Supply Path component area is approximately 93% completed.
- Tennessee received 172 calls to date on the toll-free phone number established for the Project, with 122 calls being from affected landowners.
- Tennessee began requesting survey permission from landowners in New Hampshire on the new preferred route on January 8, 2015, and has secured 19% survey permissions as of the date of this report. Tennessee has also started to request survey permission for select proposed compressor station sites in New Hampshire, Massachusetts, and New York. Tennessee has obtained land option rights for the Market Mid Station 4 in New Ipswich, New Hampshire and the Market Tail Station in Dracut, Massachusetts.

Engineering

- Tennessee continues to evaluate the proposed route for the Project. Deviations to the proposed route are being made to accommodate construction constraints, and requests from landowners and applicable regulatory agencies. Tennessee engineers are evaluating proposed alternatives, as identified in the draft Environmental Report submitted on March 13, 2015, including options to avoid Article 97 properties in Massachusetts on the mainline and the laterals.
- Tennessee continues to evaluate the proposed major river crossings. Permits for geotechnical cores in the Hudson River (New York) to support the proposed horizontal directional drill ("HDD") crossing method have been received. This work is anticipated to be scheduled in the spring 2015. In addition, Tennessee continues to evaluate other potential HDD locations. Once these locations are identified, Tennessee will seek appropriate permits for the geotechnical investigations.

- Tennessee has contracted for aerial photography of the proposed primary route for the Project and for several alternative routes discussed in the draft Resource Report 10 submitted on March 13, 2015. Winter weather delayed completion of this work until spring 2015. Tennessee anticipates that work may resume in mid-to-late April 2015, depending on remaining snow cover.
- Tennessee is continuing to evaluate locations for proposed compressor stations and meter stations along the proposed route, and site visits are being scheduled. Primary sites have been identified for eight of the nine proposed compressor stations.
- Tennessee field engineers continue to identify available access roads, pipe/construction yards, and other areas proposed for use during construction.
- Survey activities identifying and staking the centerline along all routes on accessible land has been suspended until spring 2015. Survey activities currently being performed are to establish control points in public areas. It is anticipated that detail survey will re-commence in early April 2015, as snow melt permits.
- Tennessee is in discussion with the electric utility companies regarding the co-location of proposed Project facilities with existing utility corridors.
- Tennessee is conducting an initial analysis based on public imagery to review class locations to allow for siting of mainline valves. These locations will be reviewed again once the aerial imagery is obtained from the planned flights in the spring.
- Public hydraulic information has been collected for all stream and river crossings. This information will be utilized to help identify and design the proposed crossing methods.

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