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Thomas S. Burack, Chairman
NH Site Evaluation Committee
Department of Environmental Services
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Subject: **Tennessee Gas Pipeline Company – Concord Lateral Expansion Project
Site Evaluation Committee Docket No. 2008-02**

I am in receipt of the recent filing mailed to the NH Site Evaluation Commission on December 23, 2009, by Donald Pfundstein representing Tennessee Gas and take exception to information contained in the Post Construction Sound Survey. The December 18, 2009, report was prepared by HFP Acoustical Consultants.

Under 3.4, Mammoth Road, i.e., Rte. 128, is called "a frequently-traveled two lane highway." I am retired and am familiar with the traffic patterns on this road. During the commuter time in the morning and afternoon, traffic is fairly elevated. However during non-commuter times, traffic dramatically decreases and cannot be compared to a high-yield highway such as nearby Rte. 111.

Under 3.5, the report states the sound levels were measured at each NSA on December 10; however it also states the noise level was measured "at the road...close to the actual residential structure." Residence NSA 4, did not have a sound measurement taken because of his long driveway. This residence is also listed as being the closest to the compressor building.

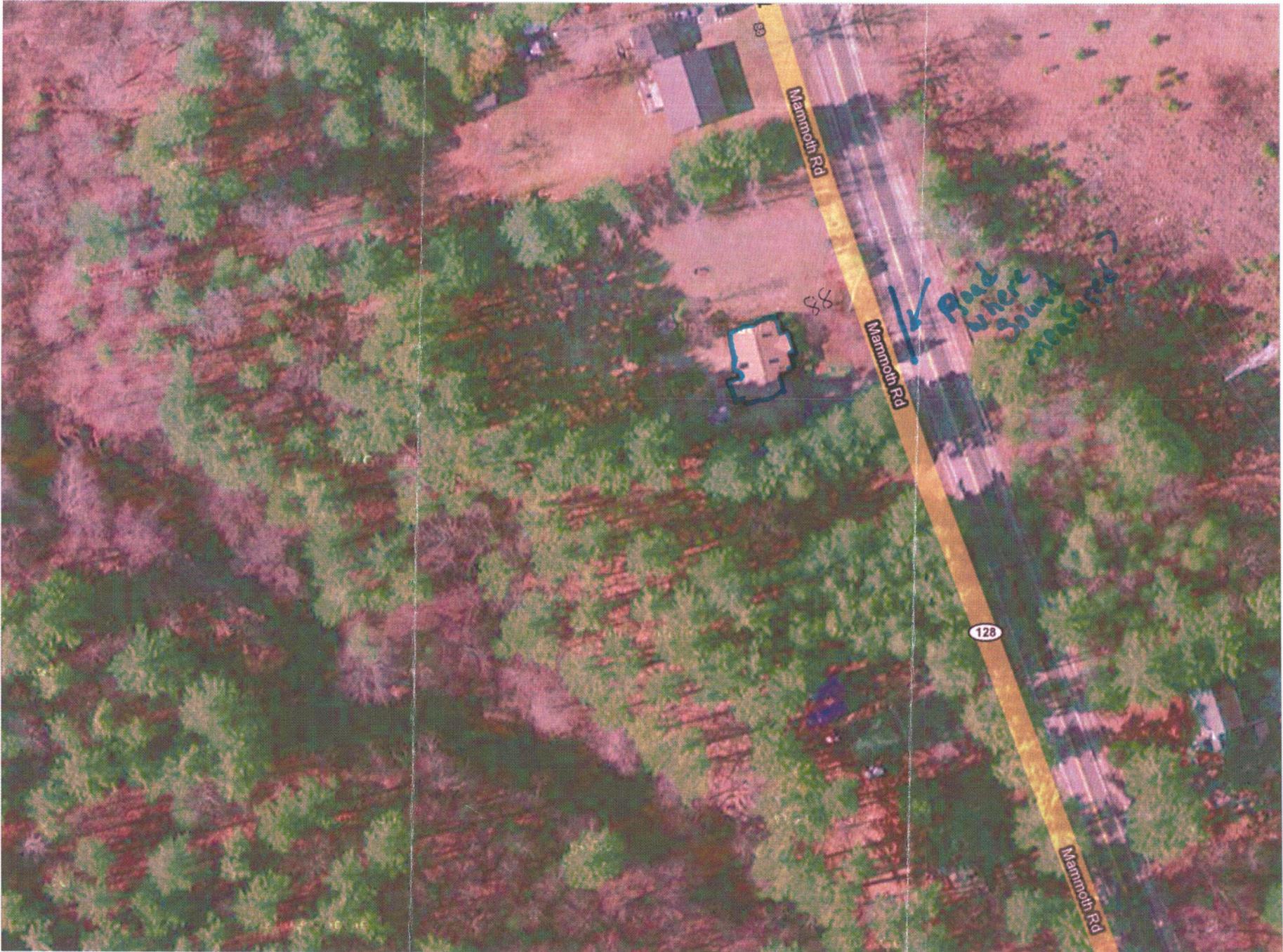
1. Why weren't the residents contacted so the noise level tests could be conducted at the actual residences? The back of my house is approximately 100' from the road where the measurement was taken. Enclosed is a picture of my residence from the road via Google Maps showing the hedges/trees which are in front of my house and along Mammoth Road which could possibly deflect noise and affect the test. (Normally I am home; however, when I checked my schedule I found I was not at my residence for approximately 2 hours on December 10 and cannot supply first-hand information as to the noise level that day. I was at home when the test of the turbine was completed, and it sounded like an airplane was immediately overhead throttling back when landing. I could not hear my television and my windows were closed.)
2. What are the federal guidelines regarding the maximum level of 55 dBA? Is the noise level maximum set for only the homes and anywhere else on the property the noise level can be exceeded?
3. The closest residence (NSA 4), as estimated by aerial photograph, did not have an actual measurement taken, and it cannot be determined whether the 55 dBA guideline was met and the facility is in compliance with federal standards.

Whereas the Conditions Pertaining to Operational Noise as outlined by the NH Site Evaluation Committee states, "The Committee retains it authority to monitor the proposed facility, to investigate complaints and to enforce the terms and conditions of the Certificate of Site and Facility, including the authority to require further sound level testing or additional remedial measures," I request that the NH Site Evaluation Committee consider the comments above when determining whether the sound measurements were done to the measure of the law and conditions as set forth by the Committee.

Thank you,


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