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### VIA FEDERAL EXPRESS

Martin Honigberg, Chairman New Hampshire Site Evaluation Committee 29 Hazen Drive Concord, NH 03301

## Re: Tennessee Gas Pipeline Company, LLC: Application for a Certificate of Site and Facility for the Construction of the Northeast Energy Direct Project – Notice of Public Information Session

Dear Chairman Honigberg:

Tennessee Gas Pipeline Company, LLC intends to submit an application for a Certificate of Site and Facility in connection with the Northeast Energy Direct Project – a proposed natural gas transmission pipeline and compression project, with a capacity of up to 1.3 billion cubic feet per day (Bcf/d), which includes approximately 71 miles of pipeline from the Massachusetts border in Winchester, New Hampshire and exiting the state in Pelham, New Hampshire. In connection with that application, and in accordance with RSA 162-H:10, I enclose copies of the Notice of Public Information Sessions scheduled to take place on Tuesday, December 1, 2015 in Windham, Wednesday, December 2, 2015 in Rindge, and Thursday, December 3, 2015 in Milford. I also enclose my Affidavit attesting to the publication of the Notice.

Please open a new docket in connection with this matter. If you have any questions regarding these materials, please contact me.

Sincerely, W. Scott O'Connell, Esq.

Partner

Enclosures

cc: Gordon J. MacDonald, Esq.

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## STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE SITE EVALUATION COMMITTEE

Application of Tennessee Gas Pipeline Company, LLC for a Certificate of Site and Facility for the Construction of a New Natural Gas Transmission Line in New Hampshire.

## SEC DOCKET NO.

### AFFIDAVIT OF W. SCOTT O'CONNELL, ESQ.

I, W. Scott O'Connell, being duly sworn, do under oath depose and state as follows:

1. I am a Partner at Nixon Peabody, LLP, which represents Tennessee Gas Pipeline Company, LLC ("TGP") in the above-captioned matter.

2. TGP proposes to construct a 71-mile natural gas transmission pipeline from the Massachusetts border in Winchester, New Hampshire and exiting the state in Pelham, New Hampshire, as part of its Northeast Energy Direct Project, which has a capacity of up to 1.3 billion cubic feet per day (Bcf/d). The proposed facility will be located in Winchester, Richmond, Troy, Fitzwilliam, Rindge, New Ipswich, Greenville, Brookline, Amherst, Hollis, Milford, Mason, Merrimack, Litchfield, Londonderry, Hudson, Windham, Pelham and Salem, New Hampshire.

3. RSA 162-H:10(I) requires that TGP, as applicants for a Certificate of Site and Facility, hold at least one public information session in each county where the proposed facility will be located, at a minimum, 30 days prior to filing an application with the Site Evaluation Committee. In addition, the statute requires that no less than 14 days before the public information session, the applicant must publish a public notice in one or more newspapers having a regular circulation in the county in which the session will be held describing the nature and location of the proposed facility.

4. The statute further requires that not less than 10 days before such session, TGP must provide a copy of the public notice to the chairperson of the Site Evaluation Committee.

5. In accordance with the statute, a consolidated notice for the public information sessions in Cheshire, Hillsborough, and Rockingham Counties was published in the New Hampshire Union Leader, a newspaper of regular circulation in each county, on November 15, 2015. The notice was published not less than 14 days before the first of the three (3) public information sessions, which is scheduled for December 1, 2015 in Windham.

6. A copy of the notice of public information sessions for each County is attached hereto as Exhibit A.

FURTHER THE AFFIANT SAYETH NOT.

November 16, 2015 Date

Connel Scott

# STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE COUNTY OF HILLSBOROUGH

Personally appeared before me this 16th day of November, 2015, the above-described W. Scott O'Connell, and made oath that the statements contained in the within Affidavit are true and accurate to the best of his knowledge and belief.

Notary Public Print Name: Cheryl L. Noonan My Commission Expires: May 6, 2020



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# EXHIBIT A

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# Notice of Public Information Sessions

<See attached>

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### **NOTICE OF PUBLIC INFORMATION SESSIONS**

### STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE SITE EVALUATION COMMITTEE

Application of Tennessee Gas Pipeline Company, L.L.C. for a Certificate of Site and Facility for the Construction of a Thirty Inch (30") Diameter Natural Gas Underground Transmission Line and Related Facilities to be located in New Hampshire

Tennessee Gas Pipeline Company, L.L.C. ("TGP") will hold public information sessions to present information regarding the Application for a Certificate of Site and Facility ("Application") to be filed with the New Hampshire Site Evaluation Commission ("SEC"), for the construction of a new natural gas transmission line and compressor station in southern New Hampshire, which is part of the Market Path Component of TGP's Northeast Energy Direct ("NED") Project. The portion of the NED Project to be constructed in New Hampshire includes approximately seventy-one (71) miles of thirty inch (30") diameter natural gas transmission pipeline, entering the State of New Hampshire in the Town of Winchester and exiting in the Town of Pelham. The NED Project in New Hampshire is proposed to be co-located with existing utility line rights-of-way for approximately 76% of the line, which will assist in minimizing any environmental impacts. The NED Project also involves the construction of two (2) laterals to Haverhill and Fitchburg, Massachusetts, as well as one (1) new 41,000 horsepower compressor station proposed to be constructed in New Ipswich, New Hampshire, and two (2) new meter stations proposed to be constructed in Merrimack and Windham, New Hampshire.

The proposed route of the NED Project in New Hampshire will cross Cheshire, Hillsborough and Rockingham counties, through the Towns of Winchester, Richmond, Troy, Fitzwilliam, Rindge, New Ipswich, Greenville, Mason, Brookline, Amherst, Hollis, Milford, Merrimack, Litchfield, Londonderry, Hudson, Windham, Pelham and Salem. TGP is planning to file its Application with the SEC in the near future. New Hampshire statute, RSA 162-H:10, requires that an applicant for a Certificate of Site and Facility hold at least one public information session in each county where the proposed facility will be located, at a minimum, 30 days prior to filing the Application. In accordance with the statute, TGP will hold one public information session in (i) Cheshire County (including the Towns of Fitzwilliam, Richmond, Rindge, Troy, and Winchester), (ii)

Rockingham County (including the Towns of Londonderry, Windham, and Salem), and (iii) Hillsborough County (including the Towns of Amherst, Brookline, Greenville, Hollis, Hudson, Litchfield, Mason, Merrimack, Milford, New Ipswich, and Pelham) as follows

- <u>Rockingham County</u>: **Tuesday**, **December 1**, **2015** at Windham High School, located at 64 London Bridge Rd., Windham, NH 03087. In the event of cancellation due to snow or other extreme weather, this session will be rescheduled to occur on Tuesday, December 8, 2015 at the same time and location.
- <u>Cheshire County</u>: Wednesday, December 2, 2015 at the Hidden Hills Estates located at 18 Lisa Dr., Rindge, NH 03461. In the event of cancellation due to snow or other extreme weather, this session will be rescheduled to occur on Wednesday, December 9, 2015 at the same time and location.
- <u>Hillsborough County</u>: **Thursday**, **December 3**, **2015** at Hampshire Hills located at 50 Emerson Rd., Milford, NH 03055. In the event of cancellation due to snow or other extreme weather, this session will be rescheduled to occur on Thursday, December 10, 2015 at the same time and location.

The schedule for each public information session will be as follows:

#### **Public Information Session:**

Project Overview - 6:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Questions and Answers - 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Public Comments - 8:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

At each session, TGP will present information regarding the NED Project and the public will have the opportunity to ask questions and provide comments. Members of the public will be asked to submit questions in writing, and the questions will be addressed. The public will then have the opportunity to provide oral comments. A time limit may be imposed on commenters by the moderator depending on the number of attendees. The public information session will be transcribed and submitted to the SEC with the Application.

TGP will also host open houses before and simultaneous to the public information sessions to provide an additional opportunity for the public to learn more and ask questions about the NED Project. The schedule for each open house will be as follows:

#### **Open House:**

#### 5:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

Notice of cancellation and rescheduled sessions due to snow or extreme weather will be available by calling (844) 277-1047.