UNITED STATES OF AMERICA BEFORE THE FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION

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Tennessee Gas Pipeline, LLC)	Docket No. CP16-21-000
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MOTION TO INTERVENE OF THE NEW HAMPSHIRE SITE EVALUATION COMMITTEE

Pursuant to Rules 212 and 214 of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's (the "Commission") Rules of Practice and Procedure, 18 C.F.R. §§ 385.212 and 385.214, the New Hampshire Site Evaluation Committee ("SEC"), by and through its attorneys, the New Hampshire Office of the Attorney General ("OAG"), hereby moves to intervene as a full party in the above captioned docket.

I. MOTION FOR INTERVENTION AND INTERESTS OF INTERVENOR

The SEC is a duly constituted public body charged by law with, *inter alia*, issuing certificates relative to the siting and construction of energy facilities in the State and determining the terms and conditions of any certificate. RSA 162-H:4. The SEC was created for the purpose of providing "review, approval, monitoring, and enforcement of compliance in the planning, siting, construction, and operation of energy facilities..." in the State of New Hampshire. RSA 162-H:1. Its duties include "[evaluating] and [issuing] any certificate ... for an energy facility, [determining] the terms and conditions of any certificate issued [by the SEC], [monitoring] the construction and operation of any energy facility granted a certificate... to ensure compliance with such certificate" and enforcing the terms of any certificate. RSA 162-H:4, I (a)-(d).

On November 20, 2015, Tennessee Gas Pipeline Company, LLC ("Tennessee") filed an application with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission ("FERC") seeking a certificate of public necessity and convenience to construct and operate a natural gas pipeline and related

facilities known as the Northeast Energy Direct project ("NED Project"). A portion of the NED Project is proposed to cross approximately 70 miles in New Hampshire. If Tennessee's application is granted, a significant new energy facility will be sited in the State of New Hampshire.

Accordingly, as the public body responsible for regulating the siting and monitoring of energy facilities in the State of New Hampshire, the SEC has a direct and substantial interest in this proceeding. The SEC's intervention in this docket will not cause prejudice to, or additional burdens on, any other party to the proceedings, and will not cause any disruption to the proceedings.

The SEC has not yet received any application relative to the NED Project but Tennessee has indicated that it plans to file an application with the SEC. As a quasi-judicial body that has not had an opportunity to perform its own review, the SEC currently neither supports nor opposes the NED Project. To preserve its impartiality, the SEC does not intend to take any positions on procedural or substantive motions before FERC prior to the final decision of the SEC. The SEC moves to intervene to obtain party status and preserve its rights to participate in the review process, including the ability to seek judicial review of any final decision on Tennessee's application where necessary to protect the interests of the State of New Hampshire and to the extent such decision may be inconsistent with any findings or decision of the SEC.

II. PLEADINGS AND SERVICE CONTACTS

Service of all pleadings and other filings in this proceeding should be addressed to the following persons, whose names should be placed on the official service list prepared by the Secretary in this docket:

¹ On November 16, 2015, Tennessee submitted a filing to the SEC stating Tennessee's intention to submit an application and provided notice of the pre-filing public information sessions required by RSA 162-H:10, I.

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III. CONCLUSION

WHEREFORE, the New Hampshire Site Evaluation Committee respectfully requests that the Commission grant this motion to intervene and grant the SEC full party status in this proceeding.

Dated this 14th day of January, 2016

Respectfully submitted,

State of New Hampshire Site Evaluation Committee

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

Pursuant to Rule 2010 of the Rules of Practice and Procedure of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, I hereby certify that I have this day served the foregoing document upon each person designated on the official service list compiled by the Secretary in these proceedings.

Dated at Concord, New Hampshire, this 14th day of January, 2016.

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