

New Hampshire Community Rights Network

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New Hampshire Site Evaluation Committee Pamela G. Monroe, Administrator 21 South Fruit St., Suite 10 Concord, NH 03301

Re: Kinder Morgan/Tennessee Gas Pipeline Company, LLC, SEC Docket No. 2015-08

Dear Ms. Monroe,

The New Hampshire Community Rights Network (NHCRN) was established in 2013 as communities within New Hampshire enacted local rights-based laws to elevate their rights over corporate claimed "rights," and protect themselves from harmful corporate projects. NHCRN was founded to educate communities and elected officials in New Hampshire about the right of local community self-government. Our mission is to empower communities with the education and authority necessary to promote and maintain a level of resiliency that is necessary for survival.

NHCRN believes that sustainable environmental and economic development can be achieved only when the people affected by governing decisions are the ones who make such decisions. When for-profit corporations, such as Kinder Morgan, through the Tennessee Gas Pipeline Company, force projects into communities against the will of the people who are impacted, they are violating the rights of the people to collectively decide what happens, where they live.

Kinder Morgan/Tennessee Gas Pipeline Company's decision to move forward with the Northeast Energy Direct project reveals the corporation's determination to exercise its "right" to profit at the cost of community rights to protect their own health, safety and welfare, economic sustainability, and natural environment. Communities impacted by the proposed Northeast Energy Direct project have overwhelmingly expressed opposition to this project through Master Plans, Resolutions, and Town Meeting votes.

Kinder Morgan/Tennessee Gas Pipeline Company plans to use New Hampshire communities as resource colonies for profit. NHCRN assists communities in elevating their right to protect themselves and the places they live, for the sake of the health, safety and welfare of residents, local economies, and environmental sustainability.

The State is charged with protecting people's rights – the most fundamental of all being the right of local community self-government, which is the right of people to collectively decide what happens where they live. NHCRN is opposed to the Northeast Energy Direct project: The people affected by this project must have the authority to make the final governing decision as to whether or not it moves forward.

Sincerely,

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