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I respectfully request that the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission reject Tennessee Gas Pipeline Company's proposed Northeast Energy Direct (NED) Project. I base this request upon the following:

1. The pipeline and compressor station are located too close to Our Lady of Hope, our religious facility. This high-pressure, high-capacity station will bring significant human safety risks to our Sisters living there.
2. The pipeline and compressor station are located too close to a farm containing Newfoundland ponies, an endangered animal. There are only 250 left on earth.
3. The pipeline and compressor station are located too close an annual migration path of thousands of raptors. The high-pressure, high-capacity station's exhaust plumes of heated gases will bring significant safety risks to these birds.
4. The pipeline and compressor station are located too close to a school whose heating system uses outside air to heat the facility. This high-pressure, high-capacity station will bring significant human safety risks to teachers and children attending Temple Elementary school.
5. The pipeline and compressor station are located too close to our water supplies, parks, and conserved land and will bring significant environmental hazards.
6. FERC has already approved another pipeline enlargement to satisfy New England's natural gas-fired electric generation needs on the coldest days. We don't appreciate the need to add more supply.
7. The proposed pipeline route requires a new right-of-way that would cut through many miles of environmentally sensitive areas and take permanently protected land out of that protection.
8. The particular gas that would be carried in the proposed pipeline is likely to be particularly high in toxins and radiation, and the health impact upon our families, animals and plants must be avoided.
9. Some "fracking" compounds and chemicals negatively impact the skin, eyes, sensory organs, the respiratory system, the gastrointestinal system, the liver; the nervous system; and are candidate endocrine disrupting chemicals. Endocrine disrupting chemicals (EDCs) present unique hazards, particularly during fetal and early childhood growth and development. We do not want to be exposed to any of these chemicals.

Respectfully submitted,  
Paul Stevens