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

Dear Ms. Monroe,

Regarding SEC Docket #2016-01, as a resident of Merrimack NH and as a member of Merrimack Citizens for Pipeline Information, I would like to respectfully request that the deadline for submissions be extended beyond today, February 29, 2016 and I request a public hearing regarding these proposed rules before adoption. This would allow citizens of New Hampshire sufficient opportunity to contribute to this rule making process.

The current Rule 300 standards provide a framework for regulation of typical projects such as wind farms, but they fall vastly short when considering a project of the scope, magnitude and potential impacts of high pressure gas pipelines and the associated infrastructure associated with it, such as compressor stations, pigging stations, metering stations, take stations, and valves. No single category of infrastructure poses the possible risks to health, safety, water, air quality, wildlife, environment, property, culture and tourism, as that form of development presented by gas pipelines.

I am very concerned that any rules regarding the assessment of these kinds of projects include not only an Environmental Impact Assessment, but a Comprehensive Health Impact Assessment as well. I ask that you carefully consider the recommendations and comments put forth by Richard Husband of Litchfield and those provided by the Mason Pipeline Committee.

I would however like to have the opportunity for our organization to carefully review your request and make informed comments as well, hence the request for an extension of this deadline beyond today.

I understand that the SEC bears the heavy burden of responsibility for regulating the shape of New Hampshire's energy landscape for future generations. I ask that you permit time for proper consideration and input.

Respectfully,

Mary Beth Raven Merrimack, NH