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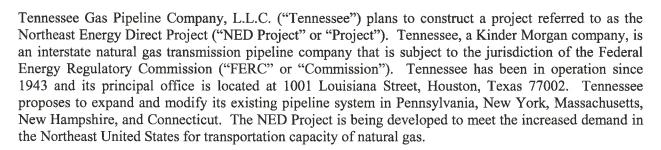
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RE:

Tennessee Gas Pipeline Company, L.L.C.

Northeast Energy Direct Project FERC Docket No. CP16-21-000

Dear Mr. Forbes:



On November 20, 2015, Tennessee filed an Application for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity ("Application") with the Commission for authorization to (a) to construct, install, modify, operate, and maintain certain pipeline and compression facilities to be located in Pennsylvania, New York, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, and Connecticut and (2) to abandon certain facilities described below. The Commission assigned Docket No. CP16-21-000 to the certificate proceeding and published a Notice of the Application on December 7, 2015. A copy of that notice is enclosed.

The NED Project will provide new firm natural gas transportation capacity to meet the growing energy needs in the Northeast U.S., particularly in New England. The Supply Path Component, as defined in the Application, will transport up to 1.2 billion cubic feet per day ("Bcf/d") of natural gas, and the Market Path Component, as defined in the Application, will transport up to 1.3 Bcf/d of natural gas. The proposed Project involves the following facilities:

- Approximately 41 miles of pipeline looping on Tennessee's 300 Line in Pennsylvania;
- Approximately 133 miles of new pipeline, of which 102 miles are proposed to be generally colocated with the certificated Constitution Pipeline Project (FERC Docket Number CP13-499-000) in Pennsylvania and New York (extending from Tennessee's existing 300 Line near Auburn, Pennsylvania to Wright, New York);



- Approximately 54 miles of pipeline generally co-located with Tennessee's existing 200 Line and an existing utility corridor in New York;
- Approximately 64 miles of pipeline generally co-located with an existing utility corridor in Massachusetts;
- Approximately 70 miles of pipeline generally co-located with an existing utility corridor in New Hampshire (extending southeast to Dracut, Massachusetts);
- Approximately 58 miles of various laterals and pipeline loops in Massachusetts, New Hampshire, and Connecticut to serve local markets;
- Construction of nine new compressor stations and 15 new meter stations, and modifications to an existing compressor station and 14 existing meter stations throughout the Project area; and
- Construction of appurtenant facilities, including mainline valves, cathodic protection, and pig facilities through the Project area.

Please see the enclosed map for the location of Project activities.

To the extent that it is practicable, feasible, and in compliance with existing law, Tennessee proposes to locate proposed pipeline facilities (either pipeline looping segments or co-located pipeline facilities) generally within or adjacent to its existing right-of-way associated with its existing 300 Line in Pennsylvania and Connecticut; its existing 200 Line in New York and Massachusetts; and existing utility (pipeline and powerline) corridors in Pennsylvania, New York, Massachusetts, and New Hampshire.

Tennessee is requesting issuance of a certificate order for the Project during the fourth quarter of 2016 and proposes to commence construction activities in January 2017, in anticipation of placing the Project facilities in-service by November 2018 (with the exception of a proposed pipeline loop in Connecticut, which will be placed in-service by November 2019), consistent with the terms and conditions of the precedent agreements executed with Project Shippers.

During construction, restoration, and mitigation activities for the Project, Tennessee will follow the Project-specific Upland Erosion Control, Revegetation and Maintenance Plan and the Wetland and Waterbody Construction and Mitigation Procedures, which incorporate the provisions from the Commission's Upland Erosion Control, Revegetation and Maintenance Plan and the Commission's Wetland and Waterbody Construction and Mitigation Procedures.

Tennessee has established a toll-free telephone number (844) 277-1047 to address any questions or concerns raised by landowners, agencies or other interested parties before, during, and after construction of the Project. Additionally, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned at (713) 420-5360.

Very truly yours,

TENNESSEE GAS PIPELINE COMPANY, L.L.C.

Michael A. Letson

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Enclosure