

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION

**INTERAGENCY PRE-FILING CONFERENCE CALL**

Tennessee Gas Pipeline Company, LLC

Docket No: PF14-22-000

**NORTHEAST ENERGY DIRECT PROJECT**

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**May 14, 2015**

**Agencies in Attendance (list of attendees is attached):**

- Federak Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC)
  - Cardno (Consultants for FERC)
- U.S. Army Corp of Engineers (USACE)
- U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA)
- U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS)
- PA Department of Environmental Protection (PA DEP)
- PA Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (PA DCNR)
- PA Historical and Museum Commission (PHMC)
- NY Department of Agriculture
- NY State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC)
- NY State Parks and Recreation
- NY State Department of Public Health
- MA Department of Environmental Protection (MA DEP)
- MA Department of Fish and Game (MA DFG)
- MA Department of Conservation and Recreation (MA DCR)
- MA Department of Public Utilities (MA DPU)
- NH Department of Environmental Services (NH DES)
- NH State Historic Preservation Office (NH SHPO)
- CT Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (CT DEEP)
- Berkshire Regional Planning Commission
- Nashua Regional Planning Commission
- Tennessee Gas Pipeline (Tennessee Gas)
  - AECOM (Tennessee Gas contractor)
  - Hatch Mott (Tennessee Gas contractor)
  - Louis Berger (Tennessee Gas contractor)

**Meeting Summary**

The conference call was conducted to provide an overview of the FERC's role for the Northeast Energy Direct (NED) Project as well as to review the general status of the schedule, field surveys, landowner coordination, and the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) process. Topics discussed included:

- Resource Report Review and NOI Status
  - Open Houses completed in April.
  - FERC reviewing Resource Reports. Will be issuing the Data Request soon.
  - Notice of Intent (NOI) will be issued in the next few weeks. FERC is waiting for compressor station locations from Tennessee Gas prior to issuing the NOI, opening the scoping comment period, and identifying scoping meeting locations.

- FERC identifying locations for scoping meetings. May reach out to regional groups to assist identifying venue locations.
- FERC is requesting feedback from agencies on cumulative impacts.
- Tennessee Gas Status update
  - Tennessee indicated that the next set of draft Resource Reports has been delayed and will now be filed in July, 2015.
  - Surveys
    - Approximately 79 miles of environmental surveys and 84 miles of cultural resources surveys have been completed
    - Vernal pool surveys completed in CT. Surveys ongoing in NH and MA.
    - Bat surveys completed in NY. Additional Bat Surveys will be initiated May 16 across project area.
    - Threatened and Endangered (T & E) plant surveys will begin May 18<sup>th</sup> on NED West.
    - Preparing for Phase 1 Bog Turtle surveys will begin mid- to late-June in NY.
    - Developing T & E consultation letters to be sent to agencies based on access roads, compressor station sites, and route modifications.
  - Meetings
    - Met with NYSDEC on May 13.
    - Meetings upcoming on May 19 with NH Fish and Game and May 21 with MA Natural Heritage.
    - Tentative meeting scheduled on June 1<sup>st</sup> with MA DEP
  - Aerial Flyovers
    - Aerial flyovers completed on NED East as of May 10<sup>th</sup>.
    - Flyovers of CT Loop and remaining laterals should be complete by May 18<sup>th</sup>
  - Tribes
    - Tennessee Gas is providing tribes with weekly updates – All tribes are invited to join the walk-throughs as long as they have taken the appropriate Tennessee Gas safety training.
    - Tribes are currently reviewing survey data from Tennessee Gas.

## Discussion

- FERC will send out cumulative impact question to all of the agencies to get feedback on appropriate Region of Influences for each resource.
- FERC indicated that it is looking at major route alternatives, specifically the I-88 NY route, the Mass Pike Alternative, and the existing Line 200 alternative.

## Next Call

- Agency call will be held every 2 weeks
- Next call is May 28<sup>th</sup>, 2015.

<b>List of Attendees</b>	
<b>Organization</b>	<b>Name</b>
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PA DCNR	David Mong
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NYSDEC	Mark Wythall
NYSDEC	Patty Denoyer
NYS Parks and Recreation	Diana Carter
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MA DFG	Tay Evans
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NH DES	Timothy Drew
NH SHPO	Edna Feigner
CT DEEP	Fred Riese
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