

**Tennessee Gas Pipeline Company, L.L.C. (“Tennessee”)
Northeast Energy Direct (“NED”) Project, Docket No. PF14-22-000**

**Pre-Filing Monthly Activity Report
(Reporting Period: May 1, 2015 through May 31, 2015)**

Public Outreach

- As part of its public outreach process, Tennessee continued to engage in meetings with governmental officials and other groups in the Project area to provide information and respond to questions about the proposed Project during the reporting period.
- Tennessee did not distribute any Project notifications to affected stakeholders or hold town presentations during the reporting period.

Environmental

- Tennessee continued to work toward the preparation of the second draft of Resource Reports 1 through 13 for the anticipated filing of these reports in July 2015.
- Tennessee continued field surveys during the reporting period, including cultural, environmental, and threatened and endangered species surveys. Threatened and endangered species protocols continue to be developed, and agency consultations are ongoing.
- As of May 31, 2015, biological surveys have taken place over approximately 40.4 miles, or 24 percent, of the NED Project Supply Path component route, and approximately 45.7 miles, or 18 percent, of the NED Project Market Path component route. In addition, cultural resource surveys have taken place over approximately 58.8 miles, or 36 percent, of the NED Project Supply Path component route, and approximately 32.2 miles, or 13 percent, of the NED Project Market Path component route. Table 1 below summarizes the completion status of environmental and cultural surveys.

Table 1: Civil, Biological, and Cultural Surveys Performed

<u>Segment</u>	<u>Survey Area* (miles)</u>	<u>Survey Completed (miles)</u>		
		<u>Civil</u>	<u>Environmental</u>	<u>Cultural</u>
NED Project (Supply Path)	165	C=100.12 D=87.51	40.4	58.8
NED Project (Market Path)	247	C=60.21 D=53.76	45.7	32.2
% Complete		C=38.91% D=34.28%	21%	22%

*The total survey area in Table 1 does not correlate precisely to proposed total length of pipeline for the NED Project. This number represents the survey area for the proposed pipeline and for evaluation of route alternatives.

** “C” represents center line staking. “D” represents completed civil detail survey.

Project Meetings

- Tennessee met with the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation on May 13, 2015.
- Tennessee met with the New Hampshire Fish and Game Department on May 19, 2015.
- Tennessee held a meeting with the Massachusetts Natural Heritage & Endangered Species Program on May 21, 2015.

Right-of-Way

- Tennessee has obtained survey permission for approximately 38% of the NED Project Market Path component area, and approximately 53% of the NED Project Supply Path component area.
- Title work is approximately 79% completed for the NED Project Market Path component area and approximately 93% completed for the NED Supply Path component area.
- Tennessee has received 191 calls as of the date of this report on the toll-free phone number established for the Project.
- Tennessee has continued survey requests in order to conduct bat surveys and access road surveys throughout the Project area.
- Tennessee has secured purchase option agreements for 8 of the 9 proposed compressor station locations and is actively working on obtaining the purchase option agreement for the remaining site.
- Tennessee continues to work with landowners through the survey permission process to identify concerns and investigate minor deviations and alternative routing.

Engineering

- Tennessee continues to evaluate the proposed route for the Project. Deviations to the proposed route are being reviewed to accommodate construction constraints, and requests from landowners and applicable regulatory agencies. Some examples include requests for routing deviations submitted by Amherst, New Hampshire and Haverhill, Massachusetts.
- Tennessee continues to evaluate the proposed major river crossings. Permits for geotechnical cores in the Hudson River (New York) to support the proposed horizontal directional drill (“HDD”) crossing method have been received. The in-water borings were completed at the end of the reporting period. In addition, Tennessee continues to evaluate other potential HDD locations. Once these locations are identified, Tennessee will seek appropriate permits for the geotechnical investigations.
- Tennessee has contracted for aerial photography of the proposed primary route for the Project and for several alternative routes discussed in the draft Resource Report 10 submitted on March 13, 2015. Winter weather delayed completion of this work until spring 2015. The primary route was flown to a one-mile corridor during the reporting period, and the imagery is currently being processed. LiDAR information as well as high resolution photography has been acquired and is currently being processed.
- Tennessee continued to evaluate locations for proposed compressor stations and meter stations along the proposed route, and continued to schedule site visits. Tennessee intends to provide locations of the proposed compressor station sites in a supplemental filing to the Commission in early June 2015.
- Tennessee field engineers continue to identify available access roads, pipe/construction yards, and other areas proposed for use during construction.
- Survey activities identifying and staking the centerline along all routes on accessible land resumed during the reporting period. Work being performed includes staking and detail survey along pipeline route and surveys of supporting sites such as contractor yards and compressor stations.
- Tennessee continued discussions with the electric utility companies regarding the co-location of proposed Project facilities with existing utility corridors.
- Tennessee has conducted an initial analysis based on public imagery to review class locations to allow for siting of mainline valves. Main line valve sites continue to be field-reviewed. Locations will be reevaluated following the final imagery and class determination.

- Public hydraulic information has been collected for all stream and river crossings. This information will be utilized to help identify and design the proposed crossing methods, and is also being utilized for proposed hydrostatic test water withdrawal locations.
- Tennessee is continuing to develop residential site-specific drawings.