



NASHUA REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

July 30, 2015

Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary  
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission  
888 First Street NE, Room 1A  
Washington, DC 20426

**RE: Project Docket Number: PF14-22-000**  
**REQUEST TO EXTEND COMMENT PERIOD through October 23, 2015**

Dear Ms. Bose:

The proposed Northeast Energy Direct (NED) project will directly impact eight of the 13 member municipalities served by the Nashua Regional Planning Commission (NRPC) including Mason, Brookline, Milford, Amherst, Merrimack, Litchfield, Hudson and Pelham New Hampshire. For the NRPC region and Southern New Hampshire as a whole, the NED proposal represents a significant expansion of gas pipeline infrastructure through relatively rural and undisturbed landscape, including significant environmental resources and residential areas.

On July 24, 2015, Kinder Morgan/Tennessee Gas submitted updated draft Environmental Resource Reports to the FERC docket. It is critically important for NRPC and its member communities to review and understand these documents so that they may provide valuable input to the FERC pre-filing process. NRPC's Commissioners will convene on September 16, 2015 to revisit issues relative to the NED, and they need adequate time to synthesize all available information. For these reasons, I ask that the previously established comment period be extended through October 23, 2015 to allow more time for review of this information in order to more fully assess potential impacts associated with NED. Further, additional scoping meetings should be held to allow the public more opportunity to address the additional information.

An effective and transparent environmental process must allow all parties adequate time to review the significant volume of information which has been filed, some of which was made available only days ago. NRPC echoes the collective position of the Southwest Region Planning Commission that a comment deadline of August 31, 2015 does not represent sufficient time for agencies like NRPC and the communities we serve to provide thoughtful and detailed comment. NRPC respectfully requests that the public comment be extended to close of business on Friday, October 23, 2015.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide input.

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cc: US Senator Jeanne Shaheen, US Senator Kelly Ayotte, US Congresswoman Ann McLane Kuster,  
US Congressman Frank Guinta, NH Governor Maggie Hassan, NRPC Commissioners