



**Town of North Reading**  
*Massachusetts*

March 10, 2015

Mr. John Gavin  
Agent, Tennessee Gas Pipeline Co., LLC

Dear Mr. Gavin:

I am writing in response to your request to survey Town-owned land associated with the proposed "Lynnfield Lateral" route of the Northeast Direct pipeline project proposed by Kinder Morgan. The request was submitted via email to Town Administrator Michael P. Gilleberto on November 10, 2014.

The Board of Selectmen appreciates Kinder Morgan providing GIS data associated with the route of the pipeline through North Reading, however the Board continues to have the following questions and concerns:

1. Residents of North Reading were not afforded the opportunity to interact with representatives of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission at the February 17, 2015 Open House held in Andover. When will such an opportunity for residents to engage in open, one-on-one discussion with FERC and Kinder Morgan representatives be offered?
2. Could you please provide the Board of Selectmen a report on contracts associated with the proposed pipeline for New England natural gas suppliers, as well as contracts to provide gas to foreign/overseas suppliers or distributors?
3. Has Kinder Morgan been allowed access to utility rights-of-way, easements, or property in North Reading for purposes of surveying? Could you please provide a report on any and all contracts with power/utility companies for access or easements in North Reading?
4. Could you please provide the Board of Selectmen with information depicting the need for natural gas pipeline capacity in New England, as well as the capacity in existing pipelines?
5. Could you please advise the Board of Selectmen as to Kinder Morgan's safety record, as well as any plans to mitigate the risk of catastrophic damage as has been reported to have occurred on other Kinder Morgan pipelines?
6. Could you please advise the Board of Selectmen as to Kinder Morgan's intentions regarding requests to survey Massachusetts Constitution Article 97 protected properties?

Will Kinder Morgan be seeking an exemption from the Article 97 process from either the Commonwealth or United States government?

7. Could you please provide a report as to payments to pipeline host communities in excess of the valuation of the pipeline property itself?

Due to these questions and concerns, the Board of Selectmen voted on March 9, 2015 to authorize its Chairman to sign a letter expressing the following:

**That Kinder Morgan / Tennessee Gas Pipeline Co., LLC, be denied access to Town-owned lands for purposes of surveying a proposed natural gas pipeline project.**

Further, the Board of Selectmen is aware of Kinder Morgan's desire to survey public ways near, or impacted by, the corridor. The Board of Selectmen voted on March 9, 2015 to authorize its Chairman to sign a letter expressing the following

**That no Private Company or Corporation shall be allowed to conduct surveying activity on any public way within the Town of North Reading for the purpose of a natural gas pipeline project, without the express written consent of the Board of Selectmen, until such time as a determination of public convenience and necessity has been made in accordance with the applicable Federal Energy Regulatory Commission application process for such project.**

You are asked to adhere to this decision of the Board of Selectmen. The Board respectfully requests Kinder Morgan attend a Board of Selectmen meeting on Monday, April 6, 2015 for purposes of discussing the concerns referenced above.

Sincerely,

  
Robert Mauceri  
Chairman, Board of Selectmen

cc: U.S. Senator Elizabeth Warren  
U.S. Senator Edward Markey  
U.S. Congressman Seth Moulton  
State Senator Bruce Tarr  
State Representative Bradley Jones, Jr.  
Andrew Flynn, Public Affairs Consultant, Kinder Morgan