



Town of North Reading
Massachusetts

Town Administrator

August 13, 2015

Energy Facilities Siting Board
One South Station
Boston, MA 02110
Attention: Stephen August, Presiding Officer

Dear Mr. August:

I am writing on behalf of the Town of North Reading, which is an active participant in the Northeast Municipal Gas Pipeline Coalition (NMGPC), in regard to Tennessee Gas Pipeline Company's proposed Northeast Energy Direct (NED) Project. This project would bring a proposed 20 inch lateral approximately 3 miles diagonally across North Reading.

I write to echo the concern expressed by NMGPC representatives throughout the planning and review process for NED. The pace of this project's development has escalated in recent weeks, however many of the permit applications and documents submitted by Kinder Morgan in their "Environmental Resource Reports" are incomplete. On July 24, 2015, Kinder Morgan released updates, but they still contain an estimated 10,000 "to be determined" statements.

Despite the incompleteness of the information submitted, public hearings at the state and federal level are proceeding. These meetings were scheduled despite repeated requests by citizens, communities, and other organizations to delay the hearings until such time as the documents are more complete and the public and experts have had an opportunity to adequately review them.

The Town supports NMGPC's request that you schedule additional meetings and hearings to be held when the information provided by Kinder Morgan is complete and all relevant bodies have had a chance to review it.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Michael P. Gilleberto
Town Administrator

cc: Board of Selectmen
Danielle McKnight, Town Planner