## Town of North Reading



Massachusetts

Board of Selectmen

## Resolution of Support and Vote by the North Reading Board of Selectmen to become an Intervenor in the Tennessee Gas Pipeline for a new natural gas pipeline known as the Northeast Energy Direct

WHEREAS: The Tennessee Gas Pipeline Company has proposed a new natural gas pipeline known as the Northeast Energy Direct Project ("Project") to be constructed in Pennsylvania, New York, Connecticut, Massachusetts, and New Hampshire. In Massachusetts, the Project would include approximately [101] miles of new pipeline, plus additional facilities in this region; and

WHEREAS: We, the North Reading Board of Selectmen do hereby strongly oppose the aforementioned pipeline as previously voted and evidenced by our active and vocal participation in the "Northeast Municipal Gas Pipeline Coalition"; and

WHEREAS: Once Tennessee Gas files its formal application with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, the Board of Selectmen resolve to become an "Intervenor" which is an official party to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's proceeding. Intervenors play a more formal role in the process and are able to file briefs, appear at hearings, and be heard by the courts if they choose to appeal the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's final ruling.

WHEREAS: As an "Intervenor", the Board of Selectmen can formally participate in the proceeding by filing a request to intervene within the required twenty-one (21) day window, if it is deemed needed by the Chairman of Board of Selectmen;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the North Reading Board of Selectmen do hereby resolve and vote to become an "Intervenor", once Tennessee Gas files its formal application with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission. Further, the Board of Selectmen resolve to become an "Intervenor" which is an official party to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's proceeding, and/or any other actions considered necessary by the Chairman of the Board of Selectmen. Additionally, the North Reading Board of Selectmen do hereby instruct the Town Administrator to stand ready to file a motion to intervene. In witness whereof, We the North Reading Board of Selectmen do hereby set our hands and affix the Great Seal of the Town of North Reading, this 24<sup>th</sup> Day of August, 2015.

Robert J. Mauceri, Chairman

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