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OFFICE OF THE CHAIRMAN

The Honorable Jeanne Shaheen
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Shaheen:

Thank you for your April 30, 2015, letter regarding Tennessee Gas Pipeline Company, L.L.C.'s (Tennessee Gas) planned Northeast Energy Direct Project (Docket No. PF14-22-000).

The Commission approved Tennessee Gas' request to enter into our pre-filing process for the planned project on October 2, 2014. The Commission's pre-filing process allows our staff to actively participate with landowners, interested parties, other federal and state agencies, elected officials, and the applicant in order to identify environmental or other issues, and discuss potential solutions and route modifications before an application is filed. By engaging the public early in the process, we believe that we can conduct a comprehensive and meaningful review of the project as part of our obligation under the National Environmental Policy Act.

This planned project is still early in our environmental review process and staff has not opened the formal public comment period. As always, the Commission will accept and consider written comments from any interested stakeholder at any time during the pre-filing and application review process. Please know that the Commission gives equal consideration to written comments and comments received at a public meeting.

Scoping meeting dates and locations will be announced in staff's Notice of Intent to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the project. Meeting locations will be selected across the project area to be convenient for the greatest number of people who might be interested in the project. Additionally, during the process of preparing the EIS for the project, the public will have numerous opportunities to comment on the project and the adequacy of the EIS.

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As in any Commission matter, please be assured that we strive to make our review of energy proposals both accessible and transparent to the public. If I can be of further assistance in this or any other Commission matter, I hope you will not hesitate to let me know.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Norman C. Bay" followed by a checkmark.

**Norman C. Bay
Chairman**

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