

December 11, 2014

Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary Federal Energy Regulatory Commission 888 First Street, N.E. Washington, DC 20426

Re: Tennessee Gas Pipeline Company, L.L.C., Docket No. PF14-22-000

Northeast Energy Direct Project

Monthly Status Report -- November 2014

Dear Ms. Bose:

Tennessee Gas Pipeline Company, L.L.C. ("Tennessee") is filing with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission ("Commission") in Docket No. PF14-22-000 its monthly pre-filing status report for the above-referenced project. The enclosed status report covers the period November 1 through November 30, 2014.

In accordance with the Commission's filing requirements, Tennessee is submitting this filing with the Commission's Secretary through the eFiling system. Tennessee is also providing complete copies of this filing to the Office of Energy Projects ("OEP"). Any questions concerning the enclosed filing should be addressed to Ms. Jacquelyne Rocan at (713) 420-4544 or to Mr. Richard Siegel at (713) 420-5535.

Respectfully submitted,

TENNESSEE GAS PIPELINE COMPANY

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Tennessee Gas Pipeline Company, L.L.C. ("Tennessee") Northeast Energy Direct ("NED") Project, Docket No. PF14-22-000

Pre-Filing Monthly Activity Report (November 1, 2014 through November 30, 2014)

Public Outreach

- Tennessee has distributed the following NED Project notifications:
 - Notification that Tennessee filed draft Resource Reports 1 and 10, along with the draft resource reports, was emailed to impacted elected officials on November 5, 2014.
 - Notification of the postponement of the scheduled Project open houses was provided to applicable elected officials on November 6, 2014.
 - Preliminary information about the proposed New York powerline and New Hampshire powerline alternative routes was provided to New Hampshire elected officials on November 14, 2014.
 - Notice of upcoming survey activities were provided to applicable local elected officials in Massachusetts and New Hampshire on November 5, 2014, and in New York on November 21, 2014.
- Tennessee held or took part in the following stakeholder meetings and presentations:
 - Sanford, New York -- Sanford Town Board presentation on November 21, 2014

Environmental

- Tennessee filed drafts of Resource Reports 1 and 10, and updated stakeholder list on November 5, 2014. Notification of this filing was provided to applicable regulatory agencies.
- Tennessee submitted a threatened and endangered species consultation letter to the United States Fish and Wildlife Service ("USFWS") Northeast Region on November 5, 2014.
- Tennessee submitted a request to participate in the Commission's pre-filing process to the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation ("NYSDEC")-General Counsel's office on November 19, 2014.
- Tennessee continues to maintain and update the mailing list for applicable regulatory agencies and Native American Tribes in the NED Project area.
- Tennessee submitted an application to the United States Army Corps of Engineers New York District, New York State Department of Environmental Conservation ("NYSDEC"), and the New York Department of State to permit geotechnical cores in the Hudson River (New York).
- Tennessee is preparing an Indiana Bat survey strategy and protocol and intends to coordinate with the applicable USFWS offices as soon as possible.
- Tennessee initiated surveys at the proposed Dracut Compressor station site in Massachusetts.
- As of November 30, 2014, biological surveys have taken place over approximately 16.7 miles, or 10 percent, of the NED Project Supply Path route (Troy, Pennsylvania to Wright, New York) and approximately 32.4 miles, or 13 percent, of the NED Project Market Path route (Wright, New York to Dracut, Massachusetts). In addition, cultural resource surveys have taken place over approximately 14.5 miles, or 9 percent, of the route NED Project Supply Path route and approximately 30.4 miles, or 12 percent, of the NED Project Market Path route. Both biological and cultural resource surveys are expected to continue, weather permitting, through December 2014. Table 1 below summarizes the completion status of environmental and cultural surveys.

Table 1: Civil, Biological, and Cultural Surveys Performed

	Survey	Survey Completed (miles)		
	Area*			
Segment	(miles)	Civil**	Environmental	<u>Cultural</u>
NED Project		C: 53.77		
(Supply Path)	159	D: 30.98	24.68	25.0
NED Project		C: 69.55		
(Market Path)	253	D: 46.15	44.42	44.71
		C: 29.9%		
% Complete		D: 18.7%	17%	17%

^{*}The total survey area in Table 1 does not correlate precisely to proposed total length of pipeline for the NED Project. This number represents the survey area for the proposed pipeline and for evaluation of route alternatives.

Project Meetings

- Subsequent to filing of the draft Resource Reports 1 and 10, and updated stakeholder list, on November 5, 2014, Tennessee filed a letter with the Commission on November 6, 2014 to postpone the scheduled open houses to provide stakeholders with additional time to review the information submitted on November 5, 2014. Tennessee will work with the Commission staff to establish the updated open house schedule for the NED Project.
- Tennessee met with the Native American Oneida Tribe of New York on November 13, 2014.
- Tennessee's environmental consultant met with the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection Commissioner on November 20, 2014 to discuss proposed changes to the route into New Hampshire. Representatives from other Massachusetts state agencies, including the Department of Fish and Game, Department of Conservation and Recreation, Natural Heritage, and Department of Agricultural Resources, also attended the meeting.
- A meeting with the Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection is scheduled for December 3, 2014.
- Tennessee coordinated with the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection to reschedule a pre-application meeting for January 7, 2015.

Right-of-Way

- Tennessee has obtained survey permission for approximately 27% of the NED Project Market Path area, and for approximately 55% of the NED Project Supply Path. The reason for the drop in the survey percentage for the Market Path is that Tennessee has yet to contact the landowners along the proposed re-route in New Hampshire.
- Title work for the NED Project Market Path area is approximately 84% completed and for the NED Supply Path is approximately 34% completed.
- Tennessee received notification from the Commission that a landowner in Canaan, New York had raised complaints regarding past restoration issues on the property. Tennessee's land representatives met with the landowner, and will provide a follow up report to the Commission.

Engineering

• Tennessee continues to evaluate major and minor route deviations in order to accommodate environmental constraints, and requests from applicable regulatory agencies and landowner concerns. The major alternatives Tennessee engineers are evaluating include the Mass Pike Alternative, Route 2 Alternative, Massachusetts Power Line Alternative, New York Powerline Alternative, New Hampshire Powerline Alternative, Article 97 Avoidance Alternative, and

^{** &}quot;C" represents center line staking. "D" represents completed civil detail survey.

Article 97 Co-Location Alternative. Tennessee filed to formally adopt the New York Powerline Alternative and the New Hampshire Powerline Alternative as part of the proposed route for the NED Project on December 8, 2014, including a revised version of Resource Report 1.

- Tennessee has identified potential sites for the Market Path Head Station and Tail Station, and site visits have been scheduled. Tennessee continues to evaluate locations for the remaining compressor stations.
- Tennessee continues to evaluate routing of laterals based on potential sites for the proposed Market Path Tail Station.
- Tennessee engineering supported the preparation of the draft Resource Reports 1 and 10, filed on November 5, 2014.
- Tennessee engineering supported the preparation and filing of the application to the United States Army Corps of Engineers New York District for performing geotechnical investigations in the Hudson River.
- Tennessee continues to evaluate proposed locations for horizontal directional drilling and determining access needed for geotechnical investigations. Once locations are identified, Tennessee will seek appropriate permits for the geotechnical investigations.
- Tennessee is scheduling aerial photography of the proposed primary route and all alternative routes for December 2014.
- Preparation of NED Project alignment sheets is anticipated to begin in December 2014.
- Tennessee is scheduling the Front End Engineering Design (FEED) for proposed compressor stations in late fourth quarter of 2014.