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Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary  
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission  
888 First Street, NE  
Room 1A  
Washington, DC 20426

Re: Tennessee Gas Pipeline Company, L.L.C., Docket No. PF14-22-000  
Northeast Energy Direct Project  
Project Scope Update

Dear Ms. Bose:

Tennessee Gas Pipeline Company, L.L.C. (“Tennessee”) submits this letter to inform the Federal Energy Regulatory (“Commission”) and stakeholders of a change in the scope of the proposed Northeast Energy Direct Project (“NED Project” or “Project”) facilities. As discussed in more detail below, Tennessee is removing two pipeline laterals and modifications at three existing meter stations from the scope of the Project. This revised scope, which will be reflected in Tennessee’s next draft Environmental Report filing, will allow Tennessee to meet the needs for all the shippers that have executed binding precedent agreements for the Project.

As background, on September 15, 2014, Tennessee filed a request to use the Commission’s pre-filing procedures for the proposed NED Project, and the Commission approved Tennessee’s request to use the pre-filing procedures for the Project on October 2, 2014. As part of the pre-filing process, Tennessee submitted drafts of Resource Reports 1 and 10 for the Project on November 5, 2014. On December 8, 2014, Tennessee filed a revised draft of Resource Report 1, which reflected the adoption of two major route alternatives for the Wright, New York to Dracut, Massachusetts Pipeline Segment of the Project (referred to as the “market path component”). On March 13, 2015, Tennessee submitted the first draft of the Environmental Report to the Commission, which included Resource Reports 1 through 13.

Tennessee is providing notice that it has revised the scope of the NED Project since the March 13, 2015 draft Environmental Report filing. The facilities to be removed from the NED Project scope include (i) approximately 15.6 miles of pipeline associated with the North Worcester Lateral in Massachusetts and the Stamford Loop in Connecticut, (ii) the proposed new North Worcester meter station in Massachusetts, and (iii) the proposed modifications at three (3) existing meter stations in Connecticut (Long Ridge Meter Station, Stamford Meter Station, and New Britain Meter Station).

In Massachusetts, removing the proposed North Worcester Lateral from the Project scope reduces the mileage of proposed pipeline that would impact Article 97 lands by approximately 1.25 miles. This reduction in impacted lands results in approximately 86% co-location for the

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proposed laterals and in 100% co-location for the proposed mainline pipeline through Article 97 lands. Through the removal of the facilities listed above, the Project's total proposed co-location percentage is now approximately 82%, up from 80% previously. The Project's increase in co-location percentage and decrease in proposed Project facilities directly minimizes environmental and landowner impacts. As Tennessee explained in the draft Environmental Report submitted on March 13, 2015, the current route of the proposed Project is generally located parallel and adjacent to, and, in certain cases, overlaps existing utility easements (pipeline or electric utility). This paralleling/overlapping of easements is referred to as "co-location". The current pipeline alignment along existing utility corridors is proposed to be generally located five (5) feet outside the existing utility easement, with the permanent easement generally centered on the proposed pipeline. Refinements to the proposed Project route will occur as the Project continues to be developed during this pre-filing process and the anticipated certificate application process, which will incorporate information gained from field surveys and landowner and other stakeholder input.

This revision to the Project scope represents the result of Tennessee's complete engagement in the Commission's pre-filing process, which is meant to provide a forum to refine a potential project prior to the filing of a formal certificate application with the Commission. The removal of the impacts associated with the two pipeline laterals, a new meter station, and meter station modifications from the scope of the Project will be reflected in the upcoming submittal of the second draft of the Environmental Report to the Commission, now targeted for July 2015. Following the filing of the second draft of the Environmental Report and after the conclusion of the Commission's scoping period for the Project, Tennessee intends to file the certificate application for the Project in October 2015.

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. Any questions concerning the enclosed filing should be addressed to Ms. Jacquelyne Rocan at (713) 420-4544 or to Ms. Shannon Miller at (713) 420-4038.

Respectfully submitted,

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