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Northern Massachusetts Municipal Gas Pipeline Coalition

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15 July 2014

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Re: Kinder Morgan/Tennessee Gas Pipeline Project

To Whom It May Concern:

As duly appointed representatives to a recently-formed municipal coalition of towns in northern Middlesex County who will be impacted by the proposed Kinder Morgan/Tennessee Gas Pipeline Project, we want to express our concerns over the process being followed to bring this high-pressure natural gas pipeline into our communities.

Across our towns, impacted landowners and residents are deeply concerned about the proposed pipeline's impact on their property rights, their property values, and their insurance rates. Likewise, they are concerned about the environmental impacts associated with this project, as well as pipeline safety and risk mitigation. Most significantly, they are incensed that as electricity ratepayers, they will be funding the construction of a pipeline whose very need remains in question.

Yet with so much left unresolved and with limited information being made available to those of us responsible for the day to day well-being of our communities, Kinder Morgan plans to pre-file with FERC in September. Consequently, we are requesting that all the region's demand and supply side energy options be fully, fairly, and publicly evaluated before proceeding with efforts to advance new large-scale publicly financed natural gas pipeline infrastructure.

We are asking for full disclosure, through an open process, to understand how and why a natural gas pipeline is being considered in our communities to meet New England's energy needs. Furthermore, we are reaching out to you to advocate for a more thorough, deliberate permitting process which will provide us the opportunity to better educate our communities on the Tennessee Gas Pipeline proposed for our area.

Sincerely,

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