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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*

Dear Ms. Bose:

I am writing on behalf of Northeast Energy Solutions ("NEES") to recognize that Northeast Direct, a natural gas pipeline project proposed by Tennessee Gas Pipeline, LLC, ("the Company"), is under pre-file review by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission ("FERC").

NEES is an organization comprised of economic stakeholders, including conservation land owners, and is committed to investigating and providing sound and thorough energy infrastructure analysis and advocacy regarding the economics and routing of energy transportation projects in the Northeast. NEES is concerned about the effect of energy infrastructure development as it relates to economic vitality and environmental impacts. The mission of NEES is to thoroughly analyze and advocate for responsible energy infrastructure development by means of public education and formal advocacy. The participants of NEES include former DOE senior management and non-partisan professionals who hold sophisticated expertise regarding industry, market, municipal, and grassroots concerns. NEES intends to use its assets to eruditely inform FERC throughout this matter.

During the pre-filing stage of the FERC proceeding, NEES looks forward to thoughtful input from other stakeholders and the public at-large. NEES will also work with relevant state agencies and regulatory bodies throughout the Northeast. Further, NEES will pursue the Company's promise of being open to adjusting its proposal during the pre-filing process. In fact, NEES has already reached out to the Company. Should NEES directly or indirectly learn the Company's promise to be a vaporous one, NEES will duly inform the FERC and all relevant agencies for appropriate action.

Independently, by way of its members, NEES has immediate and direct interests that will be impacted by the proposed project and, as such, NEES will be an aggressive participant in the pre-filing process and subsequent proceedings, if any. Further, NEES as a regional coalition will pursue broader

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concerns, in a detailed fashion, that are potentially impacted by the proposed project. Such concerns include, but are not limited to:

- Increasing demand for natural gas in the region versus peak demand during certain weather events;
- The current ability of distribution companies' to meet non-peak load demands;
- Pipeline capacity and pricing for end-users;
- Developer guarantees of lower energy costs as a condition precedent;
- Optimal pipeline-to-port routes for exporting natural gas to new and expanding markets;
- States entering the pipeline capacity market;
- Energy efficiency and leak remediation, versus new infrastructure;
- Requirement of "de-bottlenecking" before pipeline expansion;
- Federal protection of conservation lands and watersheds;
- Natural gas for thermal use versus generation needs;
- Increasing storage capacity for natural gas and liquefied natural gas;
- Pipelines safety;
- Segmentation and cumulative impacts analysis, including industry activities related to natural gas production and processing; and,
- Archeological protection.

Analysis of these concerns will help address the uncertainty and confusion surrounding the need for the Company's proposed project in a regional context. Therefore, at this stage, NEES welcomes any available analysis the Company can provide regarding regional demand. Also, the Company should provide initial information about how their project will meet end-user needs. Further, the Company needs to answer this question: Will the proposed project meet only thermal energy requirements? In addition, the Company should thoroughly and soon respond to the broad belief that the proposed project, including any embedded future expansion, is intended for customers outside of the Northeast.

While NEES anticipates industrious, direct discussions with the Company about the questions and concerns raised herein, we also look forward to being fully engaged in the FERC's process. Thank you for the opportunity to provide this correspondence.

Sincerely,



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