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NOTICE OF PUBLIC COMMENT HEARINGS BY THE MASSACHUSETTS ENERGY FACILITIES SITING BOARD:

NATURAL GAS PIPELINE AND ASSOCIATED FACILITIES IN BERKSHIRE, ESSEX, FRANKLIN, HAMPDEN, HAMPSHIRE, MIDDLESEX, AND WORCESTER COUNTIES PROPOSED BY TENNESSEE GAS PIPELINE COMPANY

Tennessee Gas Pipeline Company has proposed a new natural gas pipeline known as the Northeast Energy Direct Project ("Project") to be constructed in Pennsylvania, New York, Connecticut, Massachusetts, and New Hampshire. In Massachusetts, the Project would include approximately 101.3 miles of new pipeline, plus additional facilities as indicated below:

Proposed New Pipeline Facilities in Massachusetts

Facility Name	Diameter	Location(s)	Length
MA Mainline Pipeline	30 or 36 inch	Hancock, Lanesborough, Cheshire, Dalton, Hinsdale, Peru, Windsor, Plainfield, Ashfield, Conway, Shelburne, Deerfield, Montague, Erving, Northfield, Warwick, and Dracut	63.75 miles
Fitchburg Lateral	12 inch	Townsend & Lunenburg	8.90 miles
Lynnfield Lateral	20 inch	Dracut, Andover, Tewksbury, Wilmington, North Reading, Reading, & Lynnfield	15.86 miles
Haverhill Lateral	20 inch	Dracut and Methuen	5.72 miles
Concord Delivery Line	24 inch	Dracut	0.51 miles
Maritimes Delivery Line	30 inch	Dracut	1.20 miles
Peabody Lateral	24 inch	Lynnfield, Middleton, Peabody, and Danvers	5.37 miles

Additional Proposed Facilities in Massachusetts

Facility Type	Locations
New compressor stations (3 in total)	Windsor, Northfield, Dracut
New meter stations (10 in total)	Lanesborough, Dalton, Deerfield, Dracut (3), Lynnfield, Lunenburg, Longmeadow, Everett
Modifications to existing meter stations (2 in total)	North Adams, Methuen

The Project is currently being reviewed by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission ("FERC") in what is called the Pre-Filing Process. FERC will prepare an Environmental Impact Statement ("EIS") to satisfy the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act. The EIS will be used by FERC to consider the environmental impacts that could result if it approves the Project. FERC is required to review and recommend measures to avoid, minimize or mitigate such impacts.

The Massachusetts Energy Facilities Siting Board ("Siting Board") participates in FERC proceedings for natural gas pipelines to represent the interests of the Commonwealth and its citizens. The Siting Board will hold four public hearings to hear directly from residents, officials, and other interested persons about their concerns relating to the Project. The Siting Board hearings below are separate and distinct from the public hearings being held by FERC.

Monday, August 3, 2015, 7:00 p.m.
Dracut Senior High School Auditorium
1540 Lakeview Avenue
Dracut, MA 01826

Tuesday, August 4, 2015, 7:00 p.m.
Taconic High School Auditorium
96 Valentine Road
Pittsfield, MA 01201

Wednesday, August 5, 2015, 7:00 p.m.
Greenfield Community College
1 College Drive (Dining Commons)
Greenfield, MA 01301

Thursday, August 6, 2015, 7:00 p.m.
Lunenburg High School Auditorium
1079 Massachusetts Avenue
Lunenburg, MA 01426

The Siting Board also seeks written comments concerning the proposed Project. Comments should be sent by email to both Stephen.August@state.ma.us and dpu.efiling@state.ma.us or by U.S. mail to: Energy Facilities Siting Board, One South Station, Boston, Massachusetts 02110, Attention: Stephen August, Presiding Officer. The comments should be sent to the Siting Board by August 13, 2015. The Siting Board will use the comments it receives, whether oral or written, in drafting a comment letter on the Project to FERC. If you have any questions, please contact Stephen August at the e-mail or physical address above.

Additional information about the Project is available on the FERC website (http://www.ferc.gov). Click on the eLibrary link, click on "General Search" and enter the FERC docket number "PF14-22". For assistance, please contact FERC Online Support at ferconlinesupport@ferc.gov or call FERC at 1-202-502-8659 or 1-866-208-3676.