

April 6, 2017

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

Re: Tennessee Gas Pipeline Company, L.L.C., Docket No. CP14-529-000  
Connecticut Expansion Project  
Request for Notice to Proceed with Construction

Dear Ms. Bose:

Tennessee respectfully renews its request that the Commission issue a Notice to Proceed (“NTP”) with construction activities for all portions of the Project in Connecticut, Massachusetts, and New York.

On March 11, 2016, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (the “Commission”) issued its Order Issuing Certificate (“Order”) in the above-referenced docket for Tennessee Gas Pipeline Company, L.L.C.’s (“Tennessee”) Connecticut Expansion Project (the “Project”).<sup>1</sup> In the Order, the Commission found that its approval of the Project, which is designed to serve the natural gas transportation capacity needs of three New England local distribution companies (“LDCs”), is required by the public convenience and necessity. Tennessee filed to accept the Order on March 14, 2016 and filed its Implementation Plan for the Project on March 22, 2016.

Tennessee has received all federal permits required to clear trees for the Project. The Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (“Mass DEP”) issued a Clean Water Act (“CWA”) Section 401 water quality certification (“WQC”) for the Project in Massachusetts on June 29, 2016 (which was affirmed by the Deputy Commissioner of the Mass DEP in a final decision on the water quality certificate issued on March 27, 2017, as amended on April 5, 2017). The tribal consultation process conducted pursuant to Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act is also complete for the Project. Tennessee has also executed firm contracts equal to the level of service for the Project and in accordance with Ordering Paragraph (E) of the Order. Attachment A to this filing contains a table listing all of the federal permits and clearances and copies of all of the federal permits and clearances required for construction activities in Connecticut, Massachusetts, and New York. Concurrent with this request, Tennessee is also requesting separately a request for Notice to Proceed with tree clearing for all portions of the Project.

Tennessee respectfully requests that the Commission issue a NTP for the Project as discussed above as soon as possible, but no later than April 13, 2017, so that Tennessee can mobilize its contractor and conduct environmental and safety training for the Project. Granting Tennessee’s NTP will help Tennessee place the Project in service by November 1, 2017, in a manner that maximizes the protection of migratory bird habitat, and provides Tennessee’s LDC customers much needed fuel for the winter heating season. Attachment B to this filing contains an updated construction schedule for the Project.

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<sup>1</sup> *Tennessee Gas Pipeline Co., L.L.C.* 154 FERC ¶ 61,191 (2016).

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 and to all parties on the official service list for the above-referenced docket. Any questions concerning this filing should be addressed to the undersigned at (713) 420-6547.

Respectfully submitted,

TENNESSEE GAS PIPELINE COMPANY, L.L.C.

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Attachments

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All parties