

Submission Description: (doc-less) Motion to Intervene of Cathy Kristofferson under CP19-7-000.

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Basis for Intervening:

I work with citizen groups in the impacted areas of gas infrastructure proposals. I am concerned about the buildout of the Tennessee Gas 200 Line interstate pipeline in the Commonwealth which is designed to saddle us with fossil fuel consumption for decades to come. Our Commonwealth needs to rapidly transition to a clean sustainable energy future. The overbuild represented by the Agawam 261 Upgrades project leading to buildout of the Columbia Gas Greater Springfield Service Area is antithetical to that need. Our Supreme Judicial Court has upheld the mandated reductions of emissions as defined by the Global Warming Solutions Act. Expanding gas consumption, increasing emissions, increasing the negative health impacts of burning fossil fuels, increasing ill-informed transitions to gas appliances is the exact wrong direction for us.

I am also concerned about the environmental impact of the proposed construction process. I followed closely Tennessee's last project, the Connecticut Expansion Project involving construction in Massachusetts in Sandisfield and at the same Agawam location. FERC just granted In Service to that project last November. During construction I witnessed their reckless disregard for wetlands in particular and the environment in general leading to problems like Limit of Disturbance stakes in the middle of a vernal pool. We also witnessed failures which lead to half a million gallons of test water so contaminated it had to be hauled off two states away from one site and similarly contaminated water at the other site being illegally discharged due to Tennessee's failure to secure hazardous material.

My participation in this proceeding is in the public interest. Therefore, I request that the Commission accept this filing and grant my motion to intervene.

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