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**In Reply Refer To:**  
OEP/DG2E/Gas Branch 2  
Tennessee Gas Pipeline Company, LLC  
261 Upgrades Project  
Docket No. CP19-7-000

June 19, 2020

VIA FERC Service

Ben Carranza  
Director, Regulatory  
Tennessee Gas Pipeline Company, LLC  
1001 Louisiana St. Suite 1000  
Houston, TX 77002

**Re: Notice to Proceed with Construction of Looping Project component of the 261 Upgrades Project and Approval of Variances 1-6**

Dear Mr. Carranza,

I approve your June 10, 2020 request for Tennessee Gas Pipeline Company, LLC (Tennessee) to begin construction activities for the Looping Project portion of the 261 Upgrades Project in Hampden County, Massachusetts, and variances 1 through 6 included in your request.

This authorization is based on our review of Tennessee's Implementation Plan, filed June 10, 2020, which included the information necessary to meet all pre-construction conditions of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's December 19, 2019 *Order Issuing Certificate* (Order). Additionally, your request for variances are in compliance with environmental condition 5 of the Order, in the above-referenced docket. We have confirmed the receipt of all federal authorizations relevant to the approved activities. I remind you that Tennessee must comply with all terms and conditions of the Order and that no other activities are authorized other than those identified. If you have any questions, please call Nina McDaniel, Environmental Project Manager, at (202) 502-8772.

Sincerely,

*Nina McDaniel*

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