

United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

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Hon. Norman C. Bay, Chairman
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
888 First Street, NE
Washington, DC 20426

Dear Chairman Bay:

We write to express our opposition to the Northeast Energy Direct Pipeline (NED) (Docket No. PF14-22-000) project proposed by the Tennessee Gas Pipeline Company, a subsidiary of Kinder Morgan, and request that the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) reject the current permit application for construction of this project.

The NED Pipeline project represents a redundant expansion of industrial natural gas infrastructure on a route that travels from Pennsylvania and through a number of rural communities in New York State in Broome, Delaware, Schoharie, Albany, and Rensselaer Counties, which will bear all the impact and risk, while receiving little to no benefit from this project. Since the announcement of this project, our offices have received comments from community leaders, advocacy groups and individuals all who have legitimate concerns about the safety and potentially negative environmental impacts of the proposed pipeline and associated infrastructure. Most specifically, the gas compressors stations proposed for Rensselaer and Schoharie counties, have the potential to negatively impact air quality, public health, and the quality of life currently being enjoyed in these communities.

The overwhelmingly negative feedback we have received from the public during scoping sessions hosted by FERC, and community meetings hosted by Kinder Morgan, has made it clear that this project, both the construction of the pipeline and building of these compressor stations in New York, does not have the support of our constituents. The proposed infrastructure would disrupt the lives of hundreds of New Yorkers, many who rely on the land for their livelihoods and have resided in and contributed to these communities for generations. At no point has it been made clear that there is a compelling economic need for this project in our state, however, the potential

for long lasting environmental and health impacts is clear. It is for these reasons that we must express our opposition to this project and ask FERC to consider alternatives to this proposal.

Sincerely,



Charles E. Schumer
United States Senator



Kirsten Gillibrand
United States Senator