TOWN OF PELHAM

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Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
888 First Street, NE Room 1A
Washington, DC 20426

Re: Tennessee Gas Pipeline Company, LLC, Docket No. PF14-22-000 (Reg. No. 18301 FERC ID # F291489)

Dear Ms. Bose:

The Town of Pelham, New Hampshire (Town), a municipality as defined by 15 USC 717a (3), will be crossed by the Alternative Route as proposed in the Tennessee Gas Pipeline Company, LLC, (Company) December 8, 2014, Supplemental Filing-Adoption of Alternative Route as Part of Proposed Route (Wright, New York to Dracut, Massachusetts Pipeline Segment, (the Project) and, as a result, will be directly, substantially and adversely impacted by the construction, operation and maintenance of the pipeline.

The Town of Pelham opposes the Project.

The Draft Environmental Report, submitted November 2014, by the Company at 10.3.1.8, page 10.3.1.8, New Hampshire Power line Alternative and the accompanying Tables and Maps do not adequately detail the precise route and impacts on the Town of Pelham nor does the Draft Environmental Report adequately address the following threats to the Town:

1. The construction, operation and maintenance of the Project will include drilling, blasting, rock crushing and excavation using heavy equipment and trucks, causing the contamination of surface and ground water from blasting emulsions and compounds; air contamination from dust and debris; and air contamination from diesel exhaust from crushers, heavy equipment and trucks; and,

2. The operation and maintenance of the Project threatens injury and damage to wildlife and indigenous plants and trees because of the use of herbicides and poisons in the

pipeline right of way both from air born transmission and from leaching into surface and ground waters; and,

3. The construction, operation and maintenance of the Project threatens adverse impacts on Town lakes, rivers, streams, brooks, estuaries, wetlands, surface and ground waters; and the impact of blasting, drilling, pumping and releasing of contaminated waste water on Pelham's large stratified drift aquifer is of particular concern.

4. The construction, operation and maintenance of the Project threatens adverse impacts to Town forest lands, recreational and conservation areas; and,

5. The construction, operation and maintenance of the Project will require the involuntary taking of Town property by the pipeline company, including precious conservation and recreation property, by eminent domain in violation of Article 12- a of the New Hampshire Constitution, the provision that property cannot be taken for private use; and,

6. The construction, operation and maintenance of the Project threaten the economic well-being and aggregate tax base of the Town.

7. Town of Pelham will be exposed to the expansion of transmission lines in relation to the Merrimack Valley Reliability Project (MVRP). The proposed pipeline is slated to "co-exist" in the same right of way or alongside of this transmission line expansion. The construction, operation and maintenance of the Project threatens injury and damage to the health and safety of Town residents and their property because of the proximity of a large high pressure gas pipeline carrying flammable liquid natural gas to high voltage (345-kV) power transmission lines.

The Town of Pelham, New Hampshire, requests that:

1. The Company provides a full and comprehensive analysis of the impacts of the project on the Town;

2. The Company provides a precise description of the route of the pipeline through the Town;

3. The Company precisely identifies each environmental impact the project will have on the Town;

4. The Company addresses the threats to the Town identified at items 1-7 above.

5. A time certain be entered that will permit the Town and each citizen and property owner of the Town of Pelham to have full opportunity to express concerns about the

adverse impacts of the Project upon them and their property but in no event earlier than 90 days after the filing of this letter.

6. Or in the latter, schedule a Scoping Meeting for Pelham and the Eastern NH towns to address our concerns and to be held in Pelham, New Hampshire.

Lastly, please address any filings, communications and correspondence regarding this project to: The Pelham Board of Selectmen, 6 Village Green Pelham, New Hampshire 03076.

Respectfully submitted,

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cc: Board of Selectmen
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