

United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

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Chairman Bay
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
888 First Street NE
Washington, DC

Dear Chairman Bay,

We write to request your attention to a matter of significant importance to our constituents in Delaware, Schoharie, Albany and Rensselaer Counties in New York. The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) is in receipt of a pre-application filing of the Northeast Energy Direct (NED) pipeline project filed by the Tennessee Gas Pipeline Company, LLC., a Kinder Morgan company. To date, six open-house community meetings have been hosted by Kinder Morgan along the proposed route through New York State. These open-house meetings have been well attended by our constituents, who have raised significant concerns regarding health, safety, environmental impacts and infringements on property rights, among other legitimate concerns.

The communities impacted by this proposal have been confronted with the challenges associated with the sharp demand for natural gas throughout the Northeastern part of the United States. However, our concerns lie with the residents most directly impacted by natural gas pipeline expansion throughout this region of our state, as our constituents are concerned that this project may negatively affect their health, safety, property and quality of life.

We know that FERC will schedule scoping meetings this summer, designed to inventory and examine the impacts of the Kinder Morgan proposal in these communities. We want to ensure that FERC schedules multiple scoping meetings all along the proposed route. Specifically, we request that you host scoping sessions not just in each county of New York where the pipeline is proposed, but also in each of the communities that are most impacted by proposed new infrastructure, including, but not limited to compressor stations, valve stations and meter stations. Ensuring the safety of the residents and environment this proposed pipeline could affect is paramount, and we hope FERC will provide an adequate opportunity for all of our constituents to be heard before any determination on this proposal is made.

Sincerely,



Charles E. Schumer
United States Senator



Kirsten Gillibrand
United States Senator