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The Honorable Norman C. Bay  
Chairman  
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission  
888 First Street, N.E.  
Washington, DC 20426

Dear Chairman Bay:

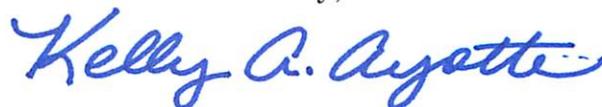
I write to call for prompt and full consideration of the New Hampshire Municipal Pipeline Coalition's Motion to Dismiss the Tennessee Gas Pipeline Company, L.L.C.'s (TGP) application for a certificate for its proposed Northeast Energy Direct (NED) pipeline project.

The New Hampshire Municipal Pipeline Coalition contends that the required legal contractual commitments for pipeline capacity no longer exist as a result of actions taken by TGP and several local distribution companies. Furthermore, the Municipal Coalition makes a compelling argument that their taxpayers will continue to suffer harm for as long as the NED project remains in suspense.

I urge the Commission to promptly address the Municipal Coalition's Motion to Dismiss. As I have written in the past, I am troubled that the Commission's process has failed to answer and address the comments and questions of all local residents and our congressional delegation in a detailed, transparent, and timely manner. This failure has compelled these Municipalities to expend valuable local tax dollars to employ experts, legal counsel, and engage in evidence collection. Because they had not received confirmation that the Commission's process would protect their health, safety, and other local interests, they were obligated to do so.

I look forward to your prompt response.

Sincerely,



Kelly A. Ayotte  
U.S. Senator