

Congress of the United States  
Washington, DC 20515

August 28, 2015

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

Dear Chairman Bay:

We are writing to formally request an extension to the comment phase of the current scoping period for the North East Energy Direct Pipeline (Docket No. PF14-22-000) project proposed by the Tennessee Gas Pipeline Company, a subsidiary of Kinder Morgan.

The current scoping period is scheduled to close on August 31, 2015. On July 24, Kinder Morgan released over one gigabyte of data, amounting to six thousand pages of information, after the scoping meetings were held. Our constituents did not have an opportunity to review these documents before expressing their concerns to FERC. After speaking with many of the people we represent, and their local elected officials, we do not believe that there is a sufficient amount of time to review, analyze, and respond to the new information before the August 31 deadline.

It is critical that the public, especially those directly impacted by this proposed pipeline and its infrastructure, have a reasonable amount of time to access these reports, and have an opportunity to ask questions of FERC and Kinder Morgan regarding this project. At present, the public will not have a reasonable amount of time to comment on this report prior to when the draft Environmental Impact Statement is issued by FERC.

Because public input comment is critical to this process, we request that FERC extend the current scoping period to November 30, 2015.

Sincerely,

  
Charles E. Schumer  
United States Senator

Kirsten Gillibrand  
United States Senator

Chris Gibson  
Member of Congress