

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20510

October 15, 2014

Cheryl A. LaFleur, Chairwoman
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
888 First Street, NE,
Washington, DC 20426

Dear Chairwoman LaFleur:

Over the last several months, community officials and residents in Hollis, Brookline, and Salem, New Hampshire have contacted our offices to express their concerns with Kinder-Morgan's proposed Northeast Energy Direct Project, which would bring natural gas through southern New Hampshire before terminating in Merrimack, NH. As you may know, they have raised questions with our offices regarding the overall need for the project, its proposed route, as well as its potential impact on sensitive conservation areas and on public safety. In addition, the New Hampshire Attorney General's Office and the New Hampshire Department of Fish and Game have also outlined several important concerns relative to conservation areas and wildlife habitats.

We understand Kinder-Morgan has submitted its project pre-filing to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission. The scoping meetings that are part of this process, as well as the other opportunities for the public to make comments, will be critical given the deep concerns that exist in these communities. As FERC begins its review of the Northeast Energy Direct Project, we ask that you give priority attention to these issues. In addition, we would ask you to encourage the applicant to find a path forward that addresses these local concerns.

Thank you and we look forward to learning more about the status of FERC's review.

Sincerely,



Jeanne Shaheen
United States Senator



Kelly Ayotte
United States Senator



Anne Kuster
Member of Congress