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Dear Mr. Montuori,

This is an additional response to your letter dated April 6th, 2015 where the Town of Tewksbury communicated their concerns over the proposed routing of the Tennessee Gas Pipeline Company, L.L.C., ("Tennessee") Northeast Energy Direct Project (Project) through Tewksbury.

In your April 6, 2015 letter, Tewksbury suggested three possible re-routes of the Project through Tewksbury. After a thorough analysis of these possible re-routes, including existing infrastructure, parcels, and geography, Tennessee has determined that we will continue to pursue our currently proposed route for the Project through Tewksbury for the following reasons:

1. Alternative Re-Route 1- Haverhill Lateral Co-Localization- Due to the fact that the existing Maritimes Line, Haverhill Lateral, and existing power line all run in the same utility corridor, construction of an additional pipeline within this corridor would be not be feasible without excessive encroachments on nearby properties and neighborhoods due to congestion. There are additional constructability concerns for the new pipeline given the close proximity to the two existing pipelines, such as structures that are built up to the roadway of I-93 we well as bridge abutments and concrete piers. Based on these considerations, the proposed route is preferred.
2. Alternative Re-Route 2- High Plain Crossing- Due to the slope alongside the bank of the Merrimack River, constructing a pipeline in this area would require clearing of a false right-of-way for the pull back and additional environmental impacts would occur due to close proximity of the river. Additionally, co-location with existing utility corridors would decrease and new (greenfield) pipeline would cross additional Article 97 Commonwealth owned lands. Based on these considerations, the proposed route is preferred.
3. Alternative Re-Route 3- I-495 Co-Localization- As with the High Plain Crossing, this reroute would increase new (greenfield) Article 97 Commonwealth owned land disturbance. Also, construction of pipeline parallel to highways/interstates is not preferred due to structures built up to the road



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easement and bridge abutments. Additionally, access to the site would disturb additional landowners since it is unlikely the highway department will allow access to the construction site on or off the Highway. Due to these considerations, the proposed route is preferred

Tennessee is committed to continue to work with Tewksbury in an effort to limit the impact of the Project on its residents and appreciates the town's continued input and recommendations. Should you need additional information about our proposed project, please feel free to contact me at (413) 821-2070 or John Gavin at (603) 502-6709 any time.

Very truly yours,

James D. Hartman
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Tennessee Gas Pipeline Company, LLC