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December 6, 2015

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
Ms. Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary
888 First Street NE, Room 1A
Washington, DC 20426

Re: **Misrepresentation in Tennessee Gas' FERC filing re the NED pipeline
CP 16-21 / PF 14 – 22
Comment of Richmond NH Board of Selectmen**

Dear Ms. Bose,

Regarding Kinder Morgan's route change through Richmond as filed on November 20, 2015 (see map page TE-SEG 1-007 – as compared to the route previously filed with FERC in the pre-filing period - rerouting miles of pipeline closer to residential homes where as before it went through vacant logging land. See map page TE – SEG 1-007. Kinder Morgan states in its November 20, 2015 FERC filing that the changes in the proposed route through Richmond were made to "accommodate town and regulatory agency requests."

We town officials in Richmond objected to Kinder Morgan's proposed change and asked that this part of the proposed route **NOT** be changed. The new route goes through a residential and historic area that should not be disturbed. It now parallels very close to the major road out of Richmond if we have to evacuate because of a pipeline accident. It impacts a stream, Brickyard Brook, that was previously minimally touched. In contrast, the original proposed route went through vacant logging land located much farther away from residences. The reroute is a much more invasive proposal.

The representative from Kinder Morgan told town officials that the change in route was at the request of the landowner of the logging parcel that is on the original route, a private deal negotiated between Kinder Morgan and the private landowner without input from town officials. We town officials objected strongly, as did local residents. We objected in letters and phone calls and multiple conversations with agents of Kinder Morgan, and in multiple letters sent to FERC and to our elected officials.

It appalls us that a private land owner can negotiate with a private company to move a pipeline closer to other people's homes – - is this public interest at work?

It appalls us too that a private company would misrepresent the statements of public officials, in a filing with a government agency.

Thank you for your attention,

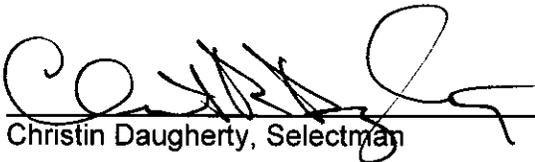
Board of Selectmen, Town of Richmond NH, unanimously approved



Carol Jameson, Chairman,



Kathryn McWhirk, Selectman



Christin Daugherty, Selectman

Cc: Allen Fore, Kinder Morgan