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August 19, 2014

Mr. Jim Hartman, Agent – Right of Way SR II
Tennessee Gas Pipeline Company, L.L.C.
1615 Suffield Street
Agawam, MA   01001

RE: Tennessee Gas Pipeline Company
        Northeast Energy Direct Project
        Survey of Public Roads

Dear Mr. Hartman:

The Board of Selectmen is in receipt of your letter dated July 30, 2014 in which you state that the Board does not have the legal authority to deny Tennessee Gas permission to survey public roads. As you and I discussed two weeks ago, the Board of Selectmen took this matter up at their regularly scheduled meeting of Monday, August 18, 2014. During that meeting, the Board voted unanimously to rescind the previous vote denying access to public roads for survey work by the Tennessee Gas Pipeline Company. However, after further deliberation and discussion, the Board voted by a vote of four in favor and one opposed the following:

"Moved, that no Private Company or Corporation shall be allowed to conduct surveying activity on any public way within the Town of Groton for the purpose of a natural gas pipeline project, without the express written consent of the Board of Selectmen, until such time as a Public Interest Determination has been made in accordance with the applicable Federal Energy Regulatory Commission application process for such project."

I would ask that Tennessee Gas Pipeline Company adhere to this decision of the Board of Selectmen. I appreciate your cooperation and understanding of this very important issue. Please feel free to contact me at 978-448-1111 with any additional questions or concerns with regards to this matter.

Sincerely,

Mark W. Haddad
Town Manager

Cc: Board of Selectmen
        David Doneski – Town Counsel
        Donald Palma – Chief of Police