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Dear Sir or Madam,

Tennessee Gas Pipeline (a Kinder Morgan Company) has safely operated natural gas transmission lines in New England for over sixty years and continues to work to maintain safe pipeline operations. As part of that diligence, we will always ensure our pipeline marking system meets federally mandated standards.

Tennessee Gas Pipeline operates a natural gas transmission pipeline(s) that crosses through your community. Over the next couple month's we will be in the area conducting a maintenance program on our pipeline markers, certifying compliance with required DOT regulations. Pipeline markers are a white PVC post base with a yellow top and have our company contact information (**note: yellow is the underground utility standard for natural gas). The markers are critical in identifying the location of our pipeline(s) and aid in preventing third party damage by excavators. They also provide property owners and excavators our contact information in the event of an emergency. As mentioned the pipeline markers are a requirement per the United States Department of Transportation (DOT) regulations, however, it is our goal to place markers as to minimize the intrusiveness to the property owner (i.e. property lines, edge of road, along a fence, etc.) while staying in compliance with DOT regulations.

If markers are missing or need to be added to comply with the DOT regulations we will install new markers. Prior to the installation of the markers, we will attempt to contact the landowner by knocking on the door. If no one is home, we will leave a "door hanger" and a letter explaining that we will be installing a marker on their property within the next 14 days. The door hanger will include our contact information should they have any questions. The location of the marker will be identified with a yellow stake or flag in the ground prior to installation.

As part of our pipeline safety program, it is important for us to maintain a clear easement as stipulated in our easement agreements. Occasionally, we discover landowners may have placed a tree, shrub, fence, pool, or structure within the easement that affects our ability to safely operate and maintain the pipeline. These encroachments may also obstruct the ability to see the pipeline markers or a clear aerial view of the easement during our routine flight patrols. If this is the case, we will work with the landowner to have these items removed or relocated.

If you have any questions concerning the pipeline marker maintenance program, please contact the following Tennessee Gas Pipeline personnel:

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