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Jon Wellinghoff
Chairman
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
888 First Street, NE
Washington, DC 20426

Re: Docket No. CP11-161-000

Dear Mr. Wellinghoff:

I write today to ask that the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission consider the application for a rehearing on Docket No. CP11-161-000, the Tennessee Gas Northeast Upgrade Project slated for construction in New Jersey. A number of my constituents feel that they were not provided with an adequate opportunity to express their concerns regarding the effect that this project will have on their communities, and I believe that a rehearing will provide them with that opportunity.

The ability for citizens to provide input and address their government in matters of local concern is a critical function of our democracy. Those affected by the Northeast Upgrade Project have raised questions regarding the project's safety, effect on property values, and environmental impacts. In addition, there are a number of concerns regarding the use of eminent domain to take privately held property from landowners.

It is critical that the voices of those who live adjacent to the pipeline be heard. Thank you for your time and consideration on this matter.

Sincerely,



ROBERT MENENDEZ
UNITED STATES SENATOR

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