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The Honorable Kimberly D. Bose  
Secretary  
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission  
888 First Street, NE  
Washington, DC 20426

Dear Secretary Bose:

In the matter of Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) license renewals for Project No. 1892 New Hampshire – Vermont, Project No. 1855 New Hampshire – Vermont, and Project No. 1904 New Hampshire – Vermont, the project owner and licensee TransCanada, with the support of local stakeholders, has requested a delay of one year in the expiration of these licenses, from April 30, 2018 to April 30, 2019. TransCanada filed the extension request in January, 2015. FERC has not yet issued a decision on this request as of this date.

This one-year extension would allow for the meaningful review of the 33 impact studies that FERC has approved and required for these projects. Neither the jurisdictional agencies, NGOs nor the licensee will be able to evaluate fully these 33 studies in the three-month period between their due date of September, 2015 and the currently-required submission date for a formal relicensing application to FERC of January 1, 2016.

The extensions would also ensure that the licensee had sufficient time to complete relicensing studies that were delayed by the unanticipated recent closure of the Vermont Yankee Nuclear Power Plant, and would enable the licensee to review and incorporate these study results into each license application before filing applications with FERC.

In addition, the extensions would help to maintain the integrity of the Integrated Licensing Process, benefit relicensing participants during the pre-filing stage of relicensing, and minimize the likelihood of amendments to the final license applications. This would speed the final resolution of license conditions consistent with the intent of the Integrated License Procedure. In short, a brief delay at this juncture could speed the ultimate resolution.

Thank you for considering the request for a license extension in a timely manner.

Sincerely,



PATRICK LEAHY  
United States Senator



BERNARD SANDERS  
United States Senator



PETER WELCH  
United States Congressman

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