

HOUSE No. 3534

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Harold P. Naughton, Jr.

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in General Court assembled:

The undersigned legislators and/or citizens respectfully petition for the adoption of the accompanying bill:

An Act addressing the gas pipeline project.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Harold P. Naughton, Jr.</i>	<i>12th Worcester</i>	<i>1/15/2015</i>

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By Mr. Naughton of Clinton, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3534) of Harold P. Naughton, Jr., for an investigation by a special commission (including members of the General Court) relative to the Northeast Energy Direct Pipeline Project proposed by the Tennessee Gas Pipeline Company. Telecommunications, Utilities and Energy.

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**In the One Hundred and Eighty-Ninth General Court
(2015-2016)**

An Act addressing the gas pipeline project.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 There is hereby established a special commission, pursuant to section 2A of chapter 4 of
2 the General Laws, to investigate and study the Northeast Energy Direct Pipeline Project
3 proposed by the Tennessee Gas Pipeline Company, which would impact municipalities and
4 natural resources across the commonwealth. The commission shall consist of 3 members of the
5 house of representatives, 1 of whom shall be nominated by the minority leader, 3 members of the
6 senate, 1 of whom shall be nominated by the minority leader, the secretary of energy and
7 environmental affairs, the chairman of the department of public utilities, and 3 members to be
8 appointed by the governor, 1 of whom shall be a professor from an institution of higher learning
9 with expertise in the area of fracking and natural gas. The members of the commission may elect
10 a member to serve as chair. As part of its study and investigation, the commission shall: (1)
11 review and monitor all materials related to the project that have been filed with the Federal
12 Energy Regulatory Commission; (2) identify all opportunities for individuals, municipalities, or

13 other actors within the commonwealth to file comments, motions to intervene, or other relevant
14 filings related to the project with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission; (3) develop a plan
15 of action for the commonwealth to prevent or mitigate the environmental, financial, and other
16 risks associated with the project to the fullest extent possible under state and federal law.