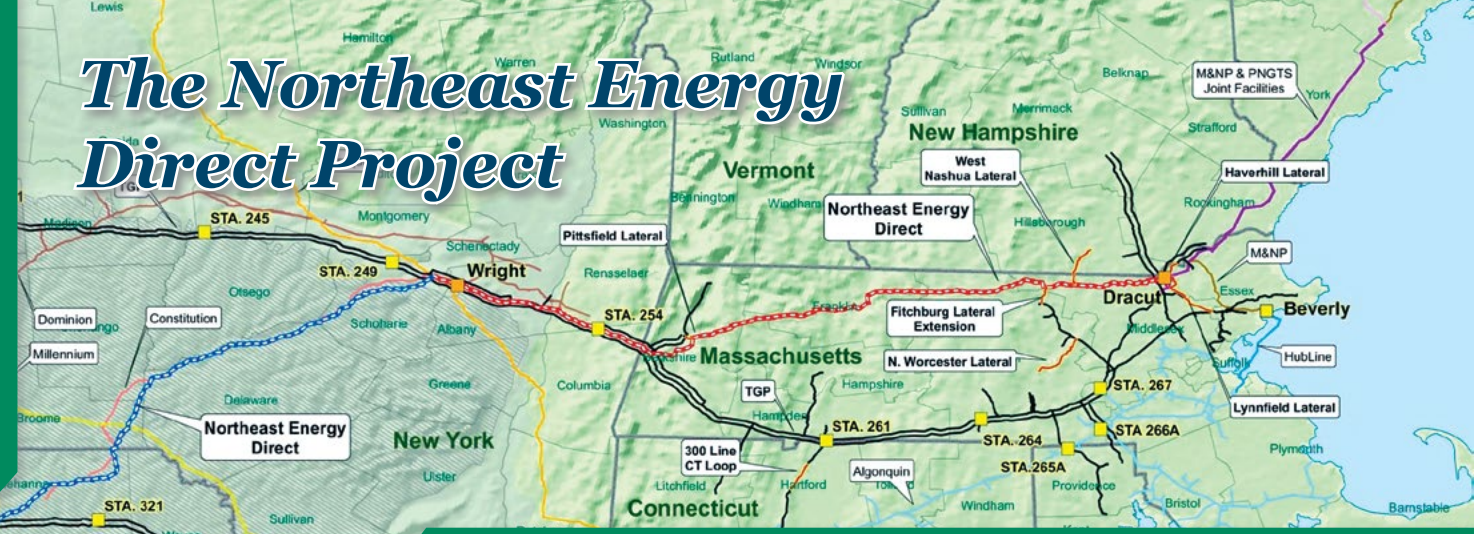


# The Northeast Energy Direct Project



## New England Seeks to Expand Our Energy Infrastructure



## Vermont Moving Towards Clean Domestic Energy



Vermont is also adding natural gas infrastructure this year with the construction of the Addison Rutland Natural Gas Project. Phase I is already underway with 50 Laborers from Vermont, New Hampshire, and nearby New York working on the 41-mile pipeline extension that will bring access to clean energy in Middlebury and Vergennes.

Several large companies including International Paper have already signed with Vermont Gas, with the hope of significantly reducing their fuel costs and their greenhouse gas emissions as well.

The initial savings estimate for this expansion is expected to save Addison and Rutland County customers \$200 million dollars and reduce Vermont's greenhouse gas emissions by 300,000 tons over the next 20 years.

Look for Phase II of the project to begin in the spring when the construction of a 17-mile pipeline that will bring natural gas transmission to the Rutland area.



### Northeast Energy Direct Components

- Pennsylvania to Wright, NY
- Wright, NY to Dracut, MA
- West Nashua Lateral (MA/NH)
- N. Worcester Lateral (MA)
- Pittsfield Lateral (MA)
- Stamford Delivery Loop (CT)
- Fitchburg Lateral Extension (MA)
- Haverhill Lateral (MA)
- Lynnfield Lateral (MA)
- 300 Line CT Lateral (CT)



As most New Englanders know, our region is facing a serious energy crisis. Cold winters, aging infrastructure and a dependence on foreign energy sources are certainly key ingredients in a poor recipe for unstable energy prices. Many can remember the cold snap last winter that pushed the price of natural gas up four times higher in only one week. In the Boston area the average price for natural gas was almost \$33 dollars per billion BTU's while in New York the price was \$7 dollars per billion BTU's. That translates to New England paying \$3 billion dollars more last year for power!

While we try to recover from the recession, an energy environment this fragile is certainly an impediment to economic growth. New England is now in a position of disadvantage with neighboring regions when competing to attract new business.

This situation has prompted all six New England Governors along with the entire Senate delegation to compel federal action to promote, encourage and fund energy infrastructure.

Add to the mix the fact that four large New England coal, oil and nuclear plants are planning to come off line in the next few years and we find ourselves at risk for even higher prices along with service disruptions.

Expanding our infrastructure capacity for natural gas is quickly becoming an urgent economic necessity.

LIUNA won't wait for action. As shown on the cover, the New England Region has already signed an agreement with Kinder Morgan and the Tennessee Gas Pipeline Company, LLC to work on the proposed Northeast Energy Direct pipeline project which will increase natural gas capacity throughout Massachusetts and complement the expansion now taking place in Maine. Work on this portion of the pipeline will also create over 3,000 additional jobs!

"Our members are the most highly skilled and well-trained pipeline workers in the U.S.," said Armand E. Sabitoni, LIUNA General Secretary-Treasurer and new England Regional Manager, highlighting the importance of this agreement. "This project will put them to work and pay family sustaining wages creating an additional wave of economic benefit for the region in addition to lowering the cost of energy."

Allen Fore, Director of Public Relations for the company said in a statement, "Kinder Morgan is proud to partner with LIUNA because of their reputation for fine craftsmanship, their dedication to safety, and our shared commitment to the community."

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