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Re: FERC Scoping Meeting Notification, PF16-1-000
Proposed Algonquin Gas Transmission, LLC, Access Northeast Project
Tract #: Q-1-1L-287

Dear Michael Hartman:

We have previously written to inform you that Algonquin Gas Transmission, LLC¹ (“Algonquin”) in partnership with Eversource Gas Transmission, LLC and National Grid Algonquin, LLC, is evaluating a proposal to upgrade and expand portions of its existing natural gas pipeline system and to construct a liquefied natural gas storage facility in Acushnet, Massachusetts in order to deliver, on peak days, up to 925,000 dekatherms per day of natural gas as part of the Access Northeast Project (the “Project”).

Algonquin’s natural gas pipelines are part of an interstate natural gas delivery system and, as such, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (“FERC”) has the exclusive authority to permit the construction of new facilities and the modification of existing facilities. FERC is also the lead federal agency responsible for conducting an environmental review of interstate natural gas pipeline projects to ensure compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act (“NEPA”). FERC has established a pre-application process (FERC Pre-filing Process) that provides stakeholders an opportunity to review Project-related information and identify issues before any permit applications are filed by Algonquin. Last year, Algonquin requested that FERC allow it to use the FERC Pre-filing Process; and on November 17, 2015, FERC authorized Algonquin to use its pre-filing process and assigned Pre-filing Docket No. PF16-1-000 to the Project.

During the FERC Pre-filing Process, Algonquin and FERC will seek input from landowners, government agencies, public officials and interested parties, and will work with each of these stakeholders to identify issues related to the proposed Project facilities. This process will allow Algonquin to address stakeholder concerns before filing its FERC and corresponding federal and state applications in late 2016. As part of the FERC Pre-Filing Process, FERC is required under NEPA to evaluate concerns raised by the public about the

¹ To the extent that minor modifications to the Maritimes & Northeast Pipeline, L.L.C. facilities may be necessary for the Access Northeast Project, the resource reports and other pre-filing submissions will be revised as appropriate.

Project and to consider environmental impacts that could result from proposed Project facilities. To that end, the FERC will hold scoping meetings that are open to the public for comments on the Project. The FERC scoping meeting in your area is scheduled to begin at 6:30 p.m., at the location listed below. In addition, Project representatives will be available starting at 5:30 p.m. to meet with you and to answer any questions which you may have about the Project:

Date and Time	Location
Wednesday, May 18, 2016 6:30 p.m. Eastern Time *	Stacy Middle School 66 School Street Milford, MA 01757
Wednesday, May 18, 2016 6:30 p.m. Eastern Time	Ford Middle School 708 Middle Road Acushnet, MA 02743
Thursday, May 19, 2016 6:30 p.m. Eastern Time	Abigail Adams Middle School 89 Middle Street East Weymouth, MA 02189
* Due to venue availability, the Stacy Middle School in Milford, Massachusetts will not be accessible until 6:00 p.m. Please plan accordingly. Meeting attendees will be asked to wait outside.	

If you are unable to attend the Scoping Meetings, you may also submit written comments directly to FERC. The commission will provide equal consideration to all comments received, whether filed in written form or provided verbally. In all instances, please reference the Project docket number (PF16-1-000) with your submission. The Commission encourages electronic filing of comments and has expert staff available to assist you at (202) 502-8258 or efiling@ferc.gov.

- (1) You can file your comments electronically using the eComment feature on the Commission's website (www.ferc.gov) under the link to Documents and Filings. This is an easy method for submitting brief, text-only comments on a project;
- (2) You can file your comments electronically using the eFiling feature on the Commission's website (www.ferc.gov) under the link to Documents and Filings. With eFiling, you can provide comments in a variety of formats by attaching them as a file with your submission. New eFiling users must first create an account by clicking on "eRegister." If you are filing a comment on a particular project, please select "Comment on a Filing" as the filing type; or

- (3) You can file a paper copy of your comments by mailing them to the following address:

Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
888 First Street NE, Room 1A
Washington, DC 20426

We encourage all interested parties to participate fully in the FERC Pre-filing Process. In addition, should you have any questions concerning the Access Northeast Project, please do not hesitate to contact our Project office at (888) 331-6553. We will be happy to answer your questions concerning the Project.

Very truly yours,



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