

Spectra's Proposed Compressor Station Weymouth, Massachusetts

Atlantic Bridge vs. Access Northeast

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Atlantic Bridge

- This project builds a compressor station in North Weymouth adjacent to the Fore River Bridge on King's Cove
- First introduced to residents in January 2015
- As of 10/21/2015, this project has entered the "pre-filing stage". Permits HAVE NOT yet been submitted to FERC.
- Permit application is anticipated to be submitted by end of October 2015
- This will trigger another public comment period.
- An Environmental Assessment (EA) should be produced of the area around August 2016. FERC should be requiring an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) which is a more intense review of the area and the potential impacts. It is unknown exactly why only an EA is being done at this time.
- FERC (5 commissioners in D.C.) will vote on the project January 2017
- Construction will begin March 2017
- Project completion anticipated for November 2017 with station in service

Access Northeast

- This project expands the compressor station in North Weymouth adjacent to the Fore River Bridge on King's Cove
- First introduced to residents in July 2015
- As of 10/21/2015, this project has not yet been submitted for pre-filing status. This is still in a very early stage.
- It is anticipated that Spectra will submit a pre-filing application sometime in November (This was done for Atlantic Bridge in 2/2015)
- FERC will issue its Notice of Intent to prepare an Environmental Assessment (EA) or Environmental Impact Statement (EIS)
- This will trigger a FERC Scoping Period (which is what we did in May 2015 or Atlantic Bridge - over 200 residents attended to speak against the compressor station)
- Permit application will most likely be submitted sometime in 2016
- EA or EIS will be completed sometime in 2017 or 2018
- Construction to expand the compressor station will most likely happen in 2019 with it being fully operational by 2020

This is not official information. All information contained here is subject to change and put together to help educate the residents of Weymouth, MA about the two different proposed projects for the region in regards to Spectra's Atlantic Bridge Project (FERC Docket # PF15-12) & Access Northeast (No FERC Docket number yet).