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July 9, 2015

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

Re: *Algonquin Gas Transmission, LLC*, Docket No. PF15-12-000  
Monthly Progress Report

Dear Ms. Bose:

On February 20, 2015, the Director of the Office of Energy Projects of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (“Commission”) issued a letter to Algonquin Gas Transmission, LLC (“Algonquin”) in the above-referenced docket approving Algonquin’s request to use the pre-filing review process for the Atlantic Bridge Project. Pursuant to Section 157.21(f)(6) of the Commission’s regulations,<sup>1</sup> Algonquin herewith submits its monthly progress report for the Atlantic Bridge Project.

Should you have any questions regarding this filing, please contact me at (713) 627-5113 or DeAndra Black at (713) 627-5350.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Chris Harvey  
Chris Harvey  
Director, Rates and Certificates

Enclosures

cc: Maggie Suter (FERC)  
Danny Laffoon (FERC)

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<sup>1</sup> 18 C.F.R. §§ 157.21(f)(6) (2014).

**Algonquin Gas Transmission, LLC and Maritimes & Northeast Pipeline, L.L.C.**  
**Atlantic Bridge Project - FERC Docket No. PF15-12-000**  
**FERC Pre-Filing Process**  
**MONTHLY PROGRESS REPORT**

**Period Ending: June 30, 2015**

**Report No. 4**

By letter order dated February 20, 2015, Algonquin Gas Transmission, LLC (“Algonquin”) and Maritimes & Northeast Pipeline, L.L.C. (“Maritimes”) (collectively, the “Applicants”), were granted approval by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (“FERC”) to utilize FERC’s Pre-Filing Review Process for the Atlantic Bridge Project (“Project”) with facilities proposed in New York, Connecticut, and Massachusetts. The Project has been assigned Docket No. PF15-12-000.

This Monthly Progress Report provides a brief summary of significant Project activities or changes that have occurred over the last month (June 2015). Activities and milestones covered in this report are associated with the FERC Pre-Filing Review Process, field surveys, landowner survey permission, Project facilities, agency contacts, and stakeholder outreach. A summary is provided below.

### **1.0 FERC NEPA REVIEW**

- ◆ Pre-filing conference calls were held with FERC staff, Project team members, and agency representatives on June 2, June 16, and June 30, 2015. These bi-weekly calls will continue throughout the Pre-Filing Review Process.
- ◆ The Pre-Filing Draft Resource Reports were filed with the FERC on July 1, 2015.

### **2.0 PROJECT ROUTING AND FACILITIES**

- ◆ There are no Project route or facility changes to report for the month of June 2015.

### **3.0 LANDOWNER SURVEY PERMISSION**

Table 3.1 summarizes the status of landowner survey permission for the Atlantic Bridge Project.

**Table 3.1: Status of Survey Permission for the Atlantic Bridge Project**

<b>Project Facility</b>	<b>Survey Permission Granted (%)</b>
<i>Pipeline Facilities</i>	
Stony Point Discharge Take-up and Relay	82%
Southeast Discharge Take-up and Relay	92%

## 4.0 FIELD SURVEYS

### Civil Surveys

- ◆ Civil surveys for the Project are ongoing. Algonquin has completed approximately 95 percent of the centerline survey for the Project pipelines and about 90 percent of the detailed pipeline survey.
- ◆ Algonquin has also completed approximately 95 percent of the civil surveys required for the aboveground facilities.
- ◆ Algonquin is in the process of obtaining survey permission for the remaining parcels that have not yet been surveyed.

### Geotechnical Surveys for Horizontal Directional Drilling Evaluation

- ◆ Algonquin is currently conducting a geotechnical survey to recover rock core samples to document existing subsurface conditions and bedrock properties along the proposed HDD alignments. The geotechnical survey work will continue through the spring and summer of 2015.

### Threatened & Endangered Species Surveys

- ◆ Algonquin continues to informally consult with federal and state resource agencies including the USFWS, NMFS, State Natural Heritage Programs, and State fisheries and wildlife agencies.
- ◆ Phase 2 visual bog turtle surveys were conducted in May and June of 2015 in four locations along the Stony Point Discharge Take-up and Relay segment. Bog turtles were not found during the Phase 2 surveys; therefore, Phase 3 surveys will not be required.
- ◆ An Indiana bat and Northern long-eared bat survey protocol was prepared in June in anticipation of July 2015 surveys.

### Cultural Resource Surveys

- ◆ The cultural resources identification field surveys for the Project continued in June 2015 where landowner access has been obtained.
- ◆ Historic architectural properties identification surveys were conducted in June 2015.
- ◆ Cultural resource identification survey fieldwork progress is as follows:

**Table 4.1: Cultural Resource Survey Progress**

<b>Atlantic Bridge Project Facility</b>	<b>Archaeological Identification Survey Fieldwork Progress</b>	<b>Archaeological Site Evaluation Fieldwork Progress</b>	<b>Historic Architectural Overview / Identification Survey Progress</b>
Stony Point Discharge Take-up and Relay	88%	100% (for known sites)	100%
Southeast Discharge Take-up and Relay	91%	To Be Determined (TBD)	100%
NY Aboveground Facilities	100%	N/A	100%
CT Aboveground Facilities	100%	N/A	100%
MA Aboveground Facilities	N/A	N/A	100%

## 5.0 STAKEHOLDER AND GOVERNMENT CONTACTS

- ◆ Algonquin met with Glastonbury's Town Manager and State Representative on June 10 and 11, 2015 to discuss the reduced scope of the Atlantic Bridge Project. Staff members of Congressman Larson and Senator Blumenthal were also updated on the Project scope.
- ◆ On June 12, 2015, the Towns of Rocky Hill and Cromwell were informed of the reduced scope of the Project.
- ◆ The Somers Town Supervisor was updated on the status of the Project on June 17, 2015, and the Yorktown Town Supervisor was updated on June 18, 2015.
- ◆ On June 22, 2015, the Connecticut Attorney General's office was informed of the revised Project scope.
- ◆ The Ramapo Town Assessor was updated on the Project scope on June 23, 2015, and the Village of Montebello was informed of the reduced scope of the Atlantic Bridge Project on June 24, 2015.
- ◆ Algonquin met with Sue Kay, Mayor, City of Weymouth; Becky Haugh, Weymouth Town Councilor; and Jim Clarke, Town Planner, City of Weymouth on June 30, 2015 to discuss the draft resource reports to be filed, particularly in relation to the three alternate compressor station sites that had been evaluated.

## 6.0 PERMITTING AGENCY CONTACTS

- ◆ The CTDEEP was informed of the reduced scope of the Project on June 17, 2015.
- ◆ Algonquin met with the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation ("NYSDEC") on June 24, 2015 to discuss the reduced scope of Project facilities though the New York segments were not changed.

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