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

RE: Document PF-15-12-000

Dear Ms. Bose:

I am writing to you today as the Mayor of the City of Quincy to respectfully oppose the siting of Spectra Energy's proposal for a gas compressor station located at the Fore River Bridge.

Over the last few months I have discussed this proposal with a number of constituents and my colleagues in government, including the local councillors who represent the neighborhoods closest to the proposed location, and with Weymouth Mayor Sue Kay, whose community would host this facility.

In listening to near universal opposition, it is clear that the construction of this compressor station will give rise to a litany of issues that cannot be ignored. It is my belief that such a development is first and foremost a safety hazard, as it would be constructed in an area that is overpopulated with industrial and commercial locations, as well as residential neighborhoods, and the Fore River Bridge, which is utilized by roughly 33,000 vehicles per day. In the event of a catastrophe involving the gas compressor station and the likelihood that the Bridge would be negatively impacted, Quincy emergency personnel would be hard-pressed to adequately respond to the thousands of citizens in need during an emergency situation.

I also have deep reservations on the environmental impact this facility will have on our community. Quincy is a City full of environmental assets including 27 miles of shoreline, many of which lie in the surrounding area of this proposed development. Our community has worked hard for many years to clean Quincy Bay and the surrounding waters that touch upon our shores and improve the quality of life for all to enjoy. Should the gas compressor station be constructed, I fear that all of that work done would be unraveled by this environmentally unfriendly and raucous structure.

Simply put, the potential adverse effects of this facility far outweigh any possible benefits.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

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