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

RE: Atlantic Bridge Project FERC Docket #PF15-12-000

Dear Secretary Bose,

I am writing to oppose Spectra's proposed natural gas compressor station in North Weymouth.

District One Town Councilor Rebecca Haugh has been an incredible resource to the Town Council and the community as a whole throughout this process. She has provided us with detailed analysis, has visited compressor stations in other states, and developed a fact based case as to why this site is wrong.

I am hopeful that you have been inundated, as you were during the public hearing held in Weymouth, with comments from residents of our great community opposing the location of this compressor station.

There is a lengthy list of reasons why this location is not suitable for a heavy industrial commercial project such as a compressor station. The most important reason to me is the human component. North Weymouth has been through enough. Project after project pushed through without concern or with little concern about the people who call this area home.

I believe that if there is any negative impact involved in a project whatsoever then the project should be scrutinized to the fullest in order to make sure the negative impacts to the quality of life of our residents are temporary and that eventually those impacts will diminish and the project is necessary for the greater good.

I point to the Fore River Bridge project as a prime example. The construction of this project will produce noise, lane closures, diverted traffic, a bridge design that was opposed by a good portion of residents, and other impacts that will negatively affect residents. However, the project is a necessity, for the greater good, and the quality of life impacts will diminish. The current bridge is an erector set, hundreds of paying jobs have been created, there will be quicker bridge openings, and at the end of the day the less favorable design is leaps and bounds above the current structure.

I went into this project with the same reasoning.

The negative impact of this project outweighs the positives. As a matter of fact, the only positive I see associated this project is to benefit of energy companies. Most of these negative impacts directly affect quality

of life for North Weymouth and Quincy Point residents, especially the 964 households that are located within a half mile radius of the proposed compressor station.

It was very shocking to me to hear that if there was an evacuation no Weymouth or Quincy first responders would be allowed on site until Spectra was present. How is it logical to lock out police and fire during such a catastrophic event? Should there be an evacuation it would also require Weymouth and Quincy to tend to tens of thousands of displaced residents. Those two reasons alone are reason enough to oppose this project.

Other notable impacts are that the area is already considered an "Overburdened Community" by the Environmental Protection Agency, the odor, the air quality, and the general unknown risks that are potentially the most hazardous of all.

All of this with no economic surplus, no jobs, and no benefit to anyone but energy companies.

North Weymouth has been subjected to far too many high impact high burden projects for decades. In my opinion, these projects have been to the detriment of the North Weymouth economy and economic development on Route 3A, which is a gateway to our community.

It's time to think bigger for North Weymouth. We are done with corporations, utilities especially, using us for projects like this that offer no benefit and lots of risk.

I respectfully request that you find a new site for the compressor station.

My Very Best,

Patrick M. O'Connor
President,
Weymouth Town Council

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