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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
Algonquin Gas Transmission, LLC
Docket No. PF15-12-000**

To Whom It May Concern:

On June 3, 2015, Spectra Energy Partners' attorney, John Bonsall emailed Town of Weymouth officials to alert them that "the decision has been made" to redesign the Atlantic Bridge Project by increasing the capacity of the proposed Weymouth Compressor Station by more than 40%. Email from John Bonsall to Rebecca Haugh dated June 3, 2015, attached hereto as "Exhibit A". Specifically, the Company plans to install a Taurus 70 (10,915 hp) compressor instead of a Taurus 60 (7,700 hp) compressor in Weymouth. The Company did not attempt to distribute this information to affected landowners or interested stakeholders. Nor did it publish notification of this significant project change on its website.

The original request for pre-filing submitted by the Company to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission proposed the installation of the 10,916 hp compressor unit in Weymouth. However, since April 2, 2015, all notices distributed to affected landowners and stakeholders from FERC and the Massachusetts Energy Facility Siting Board have indicated that the Company would instead construct a new 7,700 hp compressor station. Furthermore, during the public hearings on May 13 and May 27, the Company affirmatively stated that the proposed project would involve the construction of a 7,700 hp compressor station. Despite the Company's obligation to provide an accurate description of the proposed project (See 18 CFR §157.21(f)(7)), no mention was made of this significant change during these recent hearings.

Notably, the deadline for filing public comments with EFSB on the scope of the environmental assessment is today, and with FERC by June 11. There are no additional hearings planned before public comments are due. Thus, completely unaware that such a fundamental project change has occurred, interested parties are being deprived of the opportunity to comment on the project as currently proposed.

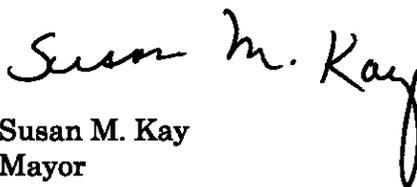
The Company had the opportunity to inform the public of the proposed change during its recent open house conducted on May 27. The Company's failure to mention that a 10,916 hp compressor unit was even being considered clearly demonstrates its intent to conceal critical facts from stakeholders in order to dampen community opposition to the project.

The Town of Weymouth believes that significant health and environmental consequences will result from increasing the compressor's capacity by more than 40%. The Company's revealing its significant project change at the 11th hour clearly deprives the public of the ability to tailor its comments to the actual proposal under review. Ultimately, the adequacy of the scope of FERC's environmental assessment has been seriously undermined.

Accordingly, all stakeholders and affected landowners should be immediately notified of the proposed capacity change: new open houses and scoping meetings should be conducted in Weymouth; and the deadline for submitting comments to FERC and the EFSB should be extended. The Town requests that FERC take appropriate steps to ensure that these corrective measures are undertaken,

Thank you for your courtesy in considering this request.

Yours truly,


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From: Clarke, James
Sent: Wednesday, June 03, 2015 4:53 PM
To: ray@miyares-harrington.com
Subject: FW: Follow Up from FERC/MA Siting Board Meetings

From: Becky Haugh [mailto:rebecca.a.haugh@gmail.com]
Sent: Wednesday, June 03, 2015 6:56 AM
To: Jon Bonsall
Cc: James - Rep. (HOU) Murphy; Langill, Ted (SEN) (Ted.Langill@masenate.gov); Kay, Susan; Hedlund, Robert (SEN); Mary.Roy@MAHouse.gov; Bcroall; Brian McDonald; Patrick OConnor; Clarke, James; ml@margaretlaforest.com
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Jon,

Thank you for the update. I will pass along the information to those constituents who have expressed interest in this project.

Becky

Becky - During the development of the Atlantic Bridge Project and, in particular, the design of the compressor station proposed in Weymouth, Algonquin Gas had initially anticipated that a Taurus 70 would be the turbine used at that facility. By this spring, however, plant design called for a Taurus 60 (7,700 HP (approx.)) to be installed. Within the past week, however, the decision has been made to return to the use of a Taurus 70 (10,900 HP (approx.)) in order to provide the service requested by Algonquin's customers. Although this does not represent a particularly significant change, I wanted to advise you in advance of the deadline for comments being forwarded to FERC. Thanks, and please let me know if you or anyone else cc'd on this email have any questions or require additional information. Much appreciated! Jon

From: Jon Bonsall
Sent: Monday, June 01, 2015 3:18 PM
To: 'Becky Haugh'
Cc: SKay@weymouth.ma.us; Hedlund, Robert (SEN); James - Rep. (HOU) Murphy; Patrick OConnor; Brian McDonald; Bcroall; ml@margaretlaforest.com; Jon Bonsall
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Becky - I just got off of the phone with the TRC folks. The intent is to respond to all of the issues, based on the data generated to date, in conjunction with the Resource Reports which are scheduled to be filed in mid June. However, since a primary component of the Pre-Filing Process is to surface issues, additional information will continue to be generated for inclusion with the formal application which will be filed in September. Thus,

as I noted earlier, information will be filed with regard to each of these issues in mid June - with additional information developed and provided in conjunction with the formal application in the fall. Jon

From: Jon Bonsall
Sent: Monday, June 01, 2015 2:08 PM
To: 'Becky Haugh'
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Becky - I was out at meetings all day on Friday so I only caught up to your email over the weekend. In turn, I have two messages into the folks at TRC re: your questions; TRC takes the lead in coordinating the preparation of the responses to FERC's questions, alternatives analyses, etc. Unfortunately, they appear to be tied-up in an all-day environmental training session related to another project and I have not heard back from them. I believe the answer to your questions re: timing is mid June when the Resource Reports are filed with FERC - but I want to make sure that that applies to each of the matters you raised and I am looking for confirmation from TRC. Hopefully I will hear back this afternoon. Otherwise, I will respond to you once I have a definite answer. Thanks! Jon

From: Becky Haugh [<mailto:rebecca.a.haugh@gmail.com>]
Sent: Friday, May 29, 2015 12:46 PM
To: Jon Bonsall
Cc: SKay@weymouth.ma.us; Hedlund, Robert (SEN); James - Rep. (HOU) Murphy; Patrick OConnor; Brian McDonald; Bcroall; ml@margaretlaforest.com
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Jon -

Thank you for coming on May 13th and May 27th to represent Spectra's proposed gas compressor in Weymouth. I wanted to follow up on some information but wanted to wait until after the MA Siting Board Meeting to see if anything was presented there/or addressed to the following.

I have attached the Draft Resource Reports 1 & 10 which Spectra submitted to FERC on March 23, 2015. Since this document is over 250 pages, I only included the 8 pages that pertain to Weymouth's compressor station and were questioned by FERC in May. I highlighted and wrote in my personal concerns on this attachment.

As just stated about FERC questioning this initial draft document - I also attached FERC's May 20, 2015 letter in response to these 2 draft reports and highlighted the areas that pertain to Weymouth for reference.

I think the biggest issue I see in reviewing both these documents and seeing the presentation on Wednesday and talking to you after, is that FERC is requiring Spectra to update section 10.9.1 to include an alternative site for the new Compressor Station and compare this site to Weymouth's - to include virtually all aspects from wetlands, recreational areas, site size, forest land, site access, etc. etc. (the attached letter states all requirements).

In addition to FERC requesting an alternate site to Weymouth, they are also requesting analysis of the proximity and potential impact of this compressor station next to the bridge during construction and analysis of the impacts of the bridge should an incident occur at the bridge. Does Spectra have any other gas compressor stations located next to a bridge the size of what the new Fore River Bridge will be to provide this analysis?

I was hoping an alternate site might have been identified on May 27, 2015 at the Siting Board Meeting in response to FERC's May 20th request, but since it wasn't, can you please let me know an approximate time range FERC's questions and concerns will be addressed by Spectra and these draft resource reports will be updated to include all of this information?

Thank you in advance for any information you may provide.

Very respectfully,

Becky Haugh

District 1 Town Councilor - Weymouth

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