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Town of Acushnet 122 Main Street Acushnet, MA 02743

Re:

Algonquin Gas Transmission, LLC – Access Northeast Project Federal Energy Regulatory Commission Docket No. PF16-1-000

Dear Town of Acushnet:

This letter is intended to update you concerning the status of Algonquin Gas Transmission, LLC's ("Algonquin") proposed Access Northeast Project (the "Project"). Algonquin filed a request to commence the pre-filing review process with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission ("FERC") on November 3, 2015 and was assigned the above-referenced docket number. Your property was identified as being within the study corridor of the Project and therefore potentially impacted by the proposed facilities. The Project proposed improvements to Algonquin's natural gas pipeline infrastructure system to bring significant energy reliability and cost benefits to New England. However, Algonquin has decided to withdraw the Project from the FERC pre-filing review process at this time because New England currently lacks a uniform energy policy and the authority necessary for regional support of natural gas infrastructure for electric generation.

New England's energy consumers continue to face serious and well-documented electric reliability and price challenges, increasing air emissions from the use of coal- and oil-fired electric generation, and a lack of sufficient quick-start backstops to intermittent power sources that would support New England's renewable energy initiatives. Thus, Algonquin will continue working with state and federal agencies, as well as other stakeholders, to address the need for additional natural gas pipeline infrastructure in New England. Once there is consensus on a way to address these issues, Algonquin will proceed with plans to bring an infrastructure project to New England consumers and re-engage itself in the FERC process. Furthermore, two of New England's largest utilities, Eversource and National Grid, remain committed to the New England region, and specifically to this goal.

We sincerely appreciate your cooperation in working with us since the Project was announced and, as always, should you have any questions or comments, please do not hesitate to contact us at 888-331-6553.

Very truly yours,

Franklin S. Gessner

Right-of-Way Project Manager