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November 13, 2019

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

Re: *Algonquin Gas Transmission, LLC and Maritimes & Northeast Pipeline, L.L.C.*
Docket No. CP16-9-000
Request for Authorization to Commence Construction of Certain Project Facilities

Dear Ms. Bose:

On January 25, 2017, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (“Commission”) issued its Order Issuing Certificate and Approving Abandonment in the above-referenced docket authorizing Algonquin Gas Transmission, LLC (“Algonquin”) and Maritimes & Northeast Pipeline, L.L.C. (“Maritimes,” and together with Algonquin, “Applicants”) to construct, own, operate, and maintain the Atlantic Bridge Project (“Project”).¹ The Applicants are requesting authorization to proceed with construction of the Project facilities identified in Table 1.

Table 1: Atlantic Bridge Project – Request for Notice to Proceed				
Segment	Location	Alignment Sheet No.	Station	
			Start	End
<i>Facilities</i>				
<i>Weymouth Compressor Station</i>	Weymouth, MA	N/A	N/A	N/A
<i>Westbrook M&R Station Modifications</i>	Westbrook, ME	N/A	N/A	N/A

The Applicants have received the necessary federal authorizations and property/access rights that apply to these facilities. In accordance with Environmental Condition 19 of the Order, Algonquin is enclosing in Attachment A, a copy of the MACZM’s determination of consistency issued on November 12, 2019. An updated environmental permit status table is provided in Attachment B. On March 24, 2017, the Applicants affirmed that they executed firm contracts with all Project shippers prior to commencing construction in accordance with Ordering Paragraph (E) of the January 25 Order.²

If you have any questions regarding this filing, please contact me at (713) 627-5113.

¹ *Algonquin Gas Transmission, LLC*, 158 FERC ¶ 61,061 (2017) (“January 25 Order”).

² On November 12, 2019, Algonquin and Maritimes submitted supplemental information noting that project need is not a condition for granting a notice to proceed but confirming that the Weymouth Compressor Station is still necessary to meet the contractual commitments for the Project.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Chris Harvey

Chris Harvey

Manager, Rates and Certificates

Attachment

cc: Anthony Rana (FERC)

ATTACHMENT A

**MACZM's Determination of Consistency for the Weymouth Compressor
Station**



THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS
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November 12, 2019

Mike Tyrrell
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RE: CZM Federal Consistency Review of Atlantic Bridge Project-Weymouth Compressor Station, Weymouth

Dear Mr. Tyrrell:

The Massachusetts Office of Coastal Zone Management (CZM) has completed its review of the proposed project involving Algonquin Gas Transmission, LLC (Algonquin)'s construction of a new natural gas compressor station in the Town of Weymouth at a site located at 6 & 50 Bridge Street to ensure consistency with CZM enforceable program policies.

Based upon our review of applicable information, we concur with your certification and find that the activity as proposed is consistent with the CZM enforceable program policies.

If the above-referenced project is modified in any manner, including any changes resulting from permit, license or certification revisions, including those ensuing from an appeal, or the project is noted to be having effects on coastal resources or uses that are different than originally proposed, it is incumbent upon the proponent to notify CZM, submit an explanation of the nature of the change pursuant to 15 CFR 930, and submit any modified state permits, licenses, or certifications. CZM will use this information to determine if further federal consistency review is required.

Thank you for your cooperation with CZM.

Sincerely,

Lisa Berry Engler
Director

CZM #14942

cc: Antony Rana, Project Manager, Office of Energy Projects, FERC
Barbara Newman, Chief, Regulatory Branch, NED, US Army Corps of Engineers
Stephanie Moura, Program Chief, Waterways Regulation, Massachusetts DEP
Derek Standish, Environmental Engineer, Wetlands Program, Massachusetts DEP
Ralph Child, Member, Mintz, Levin, Cohn, Ferris, Glovky and Popeo, P.C.
Deirdre Buckley, Director, MEPA



ATTACHMENT B

Updated Environmental Permit Status Table



Atlantic Bridge Project - Major Environmental Permits, Approvals, and Consultations Status		
Massachusetts and Maine		
Agency	Permit/Approval/Consultation	Status
FEDERAL AGENCIES		
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission ("FERC") o Office of Energy Projects	<i>Certificate:</i> • Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity	Complete - FERC Certificate Issued on January 25, 2017.
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers o New England District	<i>Permit:</i> • Section 404 Clean Water Act (CWA) Individual Permit	Complete - USACE New England District permit received Dec. 7, 2016.
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency o Region 1 (New England)	<i>Consultation:</i> • Wetland review during USACE Section 404 permit process	Consultation Complete.
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency o Region 1 (New England)	<i>Consultation:</i> • NEPA review and oversight of air permits • SIP Conformity	Consultation Complete.
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency o Region 1 (New England)	<i>Permit:</i> • General Permit for Discharges from Construction Activities (Massachusetts)	Complete - November 12, 2019.
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service ("USFWS") o New England Field Office	<i>Consultation:</i> • Federal Endangered Species Act • Migratory Bird Treaty Act • Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act	Complete - Final concurrence letter issued May 10, 2016.
MASSACHUSETTS AGENCIES		
Massachusetts Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs o MEPA Office	<i>Consultation:</i> • MEPA Certificate	Complete - EOEA Advisory Opinion issued on July 11, 2016. No ENF is required for the Atlantic Bridge Project.
Massachusetts Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs o Massachusetts Office of Coastal Zone Management ("CZM")	<i>Consistency Determination</i> • CZM Consistency Concurrence	Complete - Consistency issued November 12, 2019.
Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection o Southeast Region Office	<i>Permit:</i> • Chapter 91 Waterways License	Complete - License issued November 12, 2019.
Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection Southeast Region Office	<i>Permit:</i> • State Non-Major Comprehensive Plan Approval (Weymouth Compressor Station)	Complete - Issued August 26, 2019.
Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection	<i>Permit:</i> • Request for Superseding Order of Conditions from MassDEP	Complete - Final Order of Conditions issued October 24, 2019.
Massachusetts Energy Facilities Siting Board	<i>Consultation:</i> • Review and comment on FERC-regulated energy projects	Consultation Complete.
Massachusetts Division of Wildlife and Fisheries o Natural Heritage & Endangered Species Program	<i>Consultation:</i> • Massachusetts Endangered Species Act	Consultation Complete.
Massachusetts Historical Commission	<i>Consultation:</i> • Section 106, National Historic Preservation Act	Complete - Received concurrence letter from MA SHPO on 11/22/15.



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Agency	Permit/Approval/Consultation	Status
Massachusetts Commission on Indian Affairs ○ State Historic Preservation Office	<i>Consultation:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Section 106, National Historic Preservation Act 	Consultation Complete.
Weymouth Conservation Commission	<i>Permit:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Order of Conditions – Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act 	Complete; Superseded by MassDEP Final Order of Conditions
Municipal Historical Commission	<i>Consultations:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Historic Preservation Review 	Complete - Received MA SHPO sign-off on MA facilities on 11/22/15.
MAINE AGENCIES		
Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife	<i>Consultation:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> State-listed endangered, threatened, and special concern species and designated Essential or Significant Wildlife Habitat consultations 	Consultation Complete.
Maine Natural Areas Program	<i>Consultation:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> State-protected species, critical habitats, and significant natural communities consultations 	Consultation Complete.
Maine Department of Environmental Protection	<i>Permit:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Minor Revision Application for Existing Part 115 License (A-957-71-B-A) 	Complete - Final permit for Westbrook M&R Station issued on 1/17/17, Permit extension issued November 6, 2019
Maine Historic Preservation Commission	<i>Consultation:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Section 106, National Historic Preservation Act 	Consultation Complete.

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