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Landowner 123 Main Street Hometown, USA 12345

Re: <u>FERC Pre-Filing Notification, PF16-1-000</u> <u>Proposed Algonquin Gas Transmission, LLC - Access Northeast Project</u>

Dear (Landowner Name):

We have previously written to inform you that Algonquin Gas Transmission, LLC¹ (Algonquin) is proposing to upgrade and expand portions of its existing natural gas pipeline system and to construct a liquefied natural gas storage facility in Acushnet, Massachusetts in order to deliver, on peak days, up to 925,000 dekatherms per day of natural gas as part of the Access Northeast Project (Project). A map entitled "Access Northeast Project Overview Map" depicting the areas that will be affected by the Project is attached². The Project is designed to meet the capacity needs of natural gas-fired electric generation plants and the increased demand for natural gas, particularly as coal-fired and nuclear-powered electric generation plants are being retired. In addition, the Project will provide local gas distribution companies the opportunity to procure additional supplies of natural gas for their customers. The Project will be implemented in phases over several construction seasons, with an initial phase of the Project currently projected to be in-service as early as November 1, 2018.

Algonquin's natural gas pipelines are part of an interstate natural gas delivery system, and as such, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) has the exclusive authority to permit the construction of new facilities and the modification of existing facilities. FERC is also the lead federal agency responsible for conducting environmental review of interstate natural gas pipeline projects to ensure compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). FERC has established a pre-application process (FERC Pre-filing Process) that provides stakeholders an opportunity to review Project-related information and identify issues before any permit applications are filed by Algonquin. Earlier this month, Algonquin requested that FERC allow it to use the FERC Pre-Filing Process; and on November, 17, 2015, FERC authorized Algonquin to use this pre-filing process and assigned Pre-Filing Docket No. PF16-1-000 to the Project.

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¹ To the extent that minor modifications to the Maritimes facilities may be necessary for the Access Northeast Project, the resource reports and other pre-filing submissions will be revised as appropriate.

² The Weymouth Compressor Station in Norfolk County, Massachusetts, which will be constructed and operational as part of the Atlantic Bridge Project under CP-16-9-000, will be modified as part of the Access Northeast Project.

During the FERC Pre-Filing Process, Algonquin and FERC will seek input from landowners, government agencies, public officials and interested parties, and will work with each of these stakeholders to identify issues related to the proposed Project facilities. This process will allow Algonquin to address stakeholder concerns before filing its FERC and corresponding federal and state applications in late 2016. As part of the FERC Pre-Filing Process, FERC is required under NEPA to evaluate concerns raised by the public about the Project and to consider environmental impacts that could result from proposed Project facilities. To facilitate that evaluation, FERC representatives will attend Open House Meetings that Algonquin will hold in your area in the first quarter of 2016. Additionally, during the first quarter of 2016 FERC will host Scoping Meetings in your area that will be open to the public for the purpose of receiving comments about the Project. Once meeting dates have been established by FERC, Algonquin will send you notifications of the meeting dates and times.

You can file comments electronically with FERC using the "eFiling" feature on their website (www.ferc.gov) under the link to "Documents & Filings". You may also submit written comments about the Project to FERC. For written comments, the FERC asks that you send an original and two copies of your letter, referencing Docket No. PF16-1-000, to:

Ms. Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary Federal Energy Regulatory Commission 888 First St., N.E., Room 1A Washington, DC 20426

We encourage all interested parties to participate fully in the FERC Pre-Filing Process. Should you have any questions concerning the Access Northeast Project, please do not hesitate to contact us toll free at (888) 331-6553. We will be happy to answer your questions concerning this early phase of the Project. In addition, Algonquin has a dedicated Project website located at www.accessnortheastenergy.com where Project-related information can be reviewed or downloaded.

Very truly yours,

Franklin S. Gessner

Principal Right-of-Way Project Manager

