

Inbal Goldstein, North Weymouth, MA.
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Ms. Kimberly D. Bose,
Secretary Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
888 First Street, NE
Washington, DC 20426

Re: Algonquin Gas Transmission, LLC, Docket No. CP16-9-000, Public Health
initiated Shut Down of construction

Dear Secretary Bose,

My name is Inbal Goldstein and I live with my wife and 11 year old daughter in North Weymouth, Massachusetts, very near the North Parcel in North Weymouth, MA. While the nation shuts down all nonessential activities in light of the COVID-19, the construction at the North Parcel in Weymouth continues unabated. This poses a public health situation in the middle of a pandemic.

The construction workers, by the very nature of the work, cannot practice social distancing. Soap and water washing of hands is one of the best practices for curbing transmission of this virus according to the CDC, yet soap and water are unavailable to the workers at the site. Many of the workers are from out of state and have been traveling back and forth between states since December. Slowing of this type of movement is critical in times such as these.

Although public health is not the purview of FERC, safety considerations most certainly are within your scope of practice. At this time, FERC must stop construction on the Weymouth compressor station and on all unnecessary pipeline construction projects across the nation.

On March 16, Mayor Martin Walsh of Boston made the right call for his citizens and shut down all construction within the city limits. Had a pipeline project been underway in Boston that would have been closed as well.

We demand that FERC take responsibility for the safety of the workers and the citizens and suspend construction in Weymouth and across the country at this time of national crisis.

We are asking for FERC to reach out to the CDC and OSHA for guidance and to take the lives of all Americans seriously. You have put us all at risk for far too long.

Respectfully submitted with deep concern,
Inbal Goldstein
North Weymouth Massachusetts

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