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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,

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. I was stopped in TRAFFIC trying to get to the grocery store because of this construction and personally witnessed that workers DO NOT have masks on and are working, in some instances at closer distances than what is instructed by the GOVERNOR re: social distancing. This CONTINUED WORK during a PANDEMIC is downright shameful and should be stopped immediately!

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,  
Meghan Feldpausch- concerned resident of Braintree residing within 3  
MILES of the proposed compressor station.

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