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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,
This is an urgent request that will affect lives.
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.

My City of Cambridge as well as Boston have issued bans on construction
activities. FERC is acting irresponsibly by putting workers and whomever
is exposed to workers at risk. Epidemiologists have stressed this high
priority on separating groups of people in order to slow the spread of
the virus and slow the escalating rate of hospitalizations.

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. On March 23, Governor Baker issued an emergency order requiring all
businesses and organizations that do not provide "COVID-19 Essential
Services" to close their physical workplaces and facilities to workers,
customers and the public as of Tuesday, March 24th at noon until Tuesday,
April 7th at noon.

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,
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