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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 am calling on FERC to suspend the operation on this compressor station until the pandemic is under control.

I write to you as a mother, a grandmother, and a deeply concerned citizen of the United States. By allowing construction at the Weymouth compressor station site to continue, you are putting thousands of workers and members of the public at risk from the spreading virus.

The construction workers, by the very nature of their work, cannot practice social distancing. Soap and water washing of hands, one of the best practices for curbing transmission of this virus according to the CDC, 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 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 23, Governor Baker of Massachusetts made the right call for his citizens by ordering all non-essential businesses to cease in-person operation and directing his Department of Public Health to issue stay at home advisory for two weeks. Exempted from the order were "Workers - including contracted vendors - involved in the construction of critical or strategic infrastructure." The Weymouth Compressor Station may be critical to the profits of its owner, Enbridge, but it is clearly not critical to Massachusetts. There are no MA off-takers for the fracked gas that will eventually flow through the compressor station. The gas is going to Canada where they are hoping to sell it to overseas markets.

We need FERC to take responsibility for the safety of the workers and the citizens and suspend construction of the compressor station in Weymouth 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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