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Mike Tyrrell
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RE: CZM Federal Consistency Review of Atlantic Bridge Project-Weymouth
Compressor Station, Weymouth

Dear Mr. Tyrrell:

The Massachusetts Office of Coastal Zone Management (CZM) is currently reviewing the proposed project involving Algonquin Gas Transmission, LLC (Algonquin)'s construction of a new natural gas compressor station in the Town of Weymouth at a site located at 6 & 50 Bridge Street to ensure consistency with CZM enforceable program policies. CZM received your completed federal consistency certification package on February 23, 2016 and a consistency determination would ordinarily be issued no later than August 23, 2016.

CZM's federal consistency review is ongoing. As a networked program, the authorities and expertise of other state agencies are integrated and coordinated in CZM's review of projects to ensure compliance with the policies of our approved coastal program. Because consistency with CZM's enforceable policies cannot be achieved without compliance with their underlying state authorities, CZM will generally not issue a consistency decision until our networked agencies have completed their reviews of license and permits applications identified as necessary data and information. Our records indicate that the application for the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (MassDEP) Chapter 91 license for the proposed project has been filed, and that MassDEP's review has not been completed.

As discussed, the Coastal Zone Management Act Federal Consistency Regulations at 15 CFR 930.60(b) allow for a stay in the six month review period, if mutually agreed upon by both the applicant and the state agency. The rules also hold that the stay shall only be for a defined period, and the agreement must state the specific date on which the stay will end. CZM and the proponent previously agreed to stays of the review period, ending August 3, 2017, February 22, 2018, March 26, 2018, June 5, 2018, and February 5, 2019. In order for CZM to coordinate with MassDEP on the review and issuance of the State's Chapter 91 license to ensure that the proposed activity is consistent with the CZM's enforceable policies, we propose an additional stay of the review, for six months, beginning on January 15, 2019, with CZM's review re-starting on July 15, 2019, and completed by August 5, 2019. If our review is completed earlier than July 15, 2019, CZM may contact you to amend the end date of the stay to allow for an earlier determination. In the event that the review has not been completed within the review schedule noted above, CZM may contact you to issue an additional stay with dates to be determined. Please indicate your agreement to this schedule by signing below and returning this letter to my attention.

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If you have questions about the federal consistency review process, please contact me at the above address or (617) 626-1050.

Sincerely,



Robert Boeri
Project Review Coordinator

RLB/pb
CZM #16105



Agreed to by Applicant _____

Mike Tyrrell
Algonquin Gas Transmission, LLC

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