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OFFICE OF THE CHAIRMAN

The Honorable Elizabeth Warren
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Warren:

Thank you for your December 21, 2015, letter regarding Algonquin Gas Transmission, LLC and Maritimes & Northeast Pipeline, LLC's proposed Weymouth Compressor Station as part of the proposed Atlantic Bridge Project (Docket No. CP16-9-000).

An application for the Atlantic Bridge Project was filed on October 22, 2015, following about eight months of participation in the Commission's pre-filing process in Docket No. PF15-12. Commission staff is currently reviewing the application and is conducting its environmental review. Once that review is complete, the Commission staff will issue an environmental assessment (EA) to meet our responsibilities under the National Environmental Policy Act. The EA will address the environmental impacts of constructing and operating the project facilities (including the Weymouth Compressor Station), and will include impacts on socioeconomics, air quality, and noise; alternative sites reviewed for the proposed Weymouth Compressor Station; and public safety. The EA will be published and distributed for a 30-day public review and comment period. You are on our mailing list to receive the EA when it is issued.

The Commission will consider the findings of staff's environmental analysis, along with the economic aspects of the project, before making its decision on whether or not to authorize this project. I can assure you that our decision will be based on a careful review of the issues relating to the project and will be rooted in law, facts, and science.

If I can be of further assistance in this or any other Commission matter, I hope you will not hesitate to let me know.

Sincerely,



Norman C. Bay
Chairman