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OFFICE OF THE CHAIRMAN

The Honorable Martin J. Walsh  
Mayor  
City of Boston – Boston City Hall  
One City Hall Square  
Boston, MA 02201

Dear Mayor Walsh:

Thank you for your November 28, 2016, letter regarding Algonquin Gas Transmission L.L.C.'s (Algonquin) Algonquin Incremental Market (AIM) Project (Docket No. CP14-96-000). Your comments have been placed in the docket for this proceeding.

The Commission provided numerous opportunities for public involvement during review of the AIM Project and responded to public concern regarding safety in the draft environmental impact statement (EIS) issued August 6, 2014, the final EIS issued January 23, 2015, the Commission's order authorizing the AIM Project issued on March 3, 2015, and the Commission's order denying rehearing requests issued on January 28, 2016. Based on Algonquin's compliance filings and our third-party compliance monitor field inspections, the Commission authorized Algonquin to place the West Roxbury Lateral and Meter Station into service on November 23, 2016.

As stated in the final EIS, the U.S. Department of Transportation's Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA) establishes pipeline safety standards and emergency response procedures, and enforces compliance with these regulations. Commission staff have forwarded your concerns, as well as those of Police Commissioner Evans and Fire Commissioner Finn, to PHMSA.

In addition, on December 13, 2016, Algonquin filed further communications it has had with Commissioners Evans and Finn. The filing relays Algonquin's commitment to work cooperatively with the Boston Police and Fire Departments, as well as other local and regional emergency response officials, on public safety and emergency preparedness issues. Algonquin states it is coordinating additional meetings with police and fire department personnel to discuss details of the security and safety systems in place at the facility and for emergency response.

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

Sincerely,



Norman C. Bay  
Chairman