



Via Electronic and Regular Mail

August 17, 2015

Hon. Norman C. Bay
Chairman
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
888 First Street, NE
Washington, D.C. 20426

Subject: Spectra Energy AIM Project, FERC Docket No. CP14-96-000

Dear Mr. Bay:

We write to urge the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission to perform a comprehensive and independent assessment of risk associated with the construction of the proposed Algonquin Incremental Market Project (“AIM Project”) next to the Indian Point Energy Center (“IPEC”) in Westchester County.

Members of the Westchester County Board of Legislators (“County Board”) have previously expressed concerns with the construction of the AIM Project in Westchester County. For example, County Board Resolution No. 80-2014 had called for a comprehensive, independent and transparent risk assessment for the AIM Project because of the high pressure pipeline’s close proximity to the nuclear facilities at IPEC and the risk of catastrophic damage.

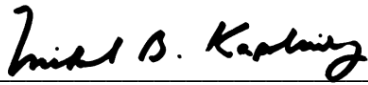
It has recently come to light that the risk analyses reviewed by the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (“NRC”) for the AIM Project construction were based on incorrect information and faulty methods. We are informed that the calculations NRC reviewed significantly underestimate the volume of gas released during a rupture and that reviewing staff have no experience in gas line ruptures. In addition, nuclear energy and pipeline safety experts have cautioned that the risk analyses relied on by NRC are incomplete. For example, Richard Kuprewicz, the nationally-known pipeline safety expert retained by the Town of Cortlandt, states that a transient rupture analysis must be prepared to properly assess potential safety hazards, yet such analysis has not been conducted. It is very disturbing that serious shortcomings and gaps could be present in the analyses of construction near the IPEC facilities.

We join many other elected officials and concerned individuals in Westchester County and the region in seeking an independent risk assessment for the AIM project construction near Indian Point. Please take the necessary steps to properly evaluate these risks of the AIM Project and to ensure the safety of Westchester residents. Thank you.

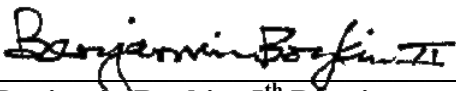
Very truly yours,



Alan Cole, 2nd District



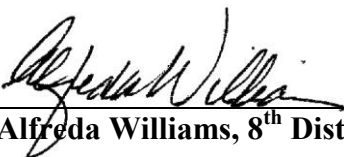
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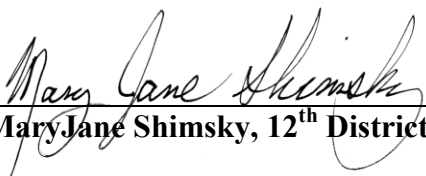
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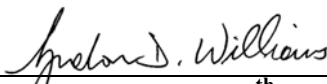
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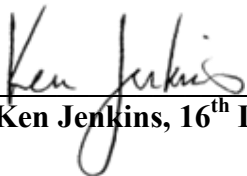
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