August 10, 2015

Honorable Norman C. Bay
Chairman
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
888 First Street NE, Room 1A
Washington, DC 20426

RE: Project Docket Number CP14-96-000

Dear Commissioner Bay:

I write today to lend my voice in agreement with a letter from New York State Assembly members Sandy Galef and David Buchwald regarding a request to stop work on the Spectra AIM pipeline sited near the Indian Point Energy Center in Buchanan, New York. Such a stoppage must take place until further study is done on this project to guarantee the safety of millions of New Yorkers who live within a fifty mile radius of this facility.

Assembly members Galef and Buchwald have noted an analysis by Rick Kuprewicz which was done on behalf of the Town of Cortlandt in Westchester County, New York. This study points to a concern that thorough and rigorous oversight might be lacking on the part of a previous review of this project by Nuclear Regulatory Commission. The analysis by Mr. Kuprewicz asks for any future safety study to include a transient risk analysis. I concur with all noted above that such an independent safety assessment is need.

Any unforeseen risks could jeopardize the lives of far too many people for we as government officials to leave any stone unturned as we seek to guarantee safety as we pursue future energy needs for the Northeast. It is incumbent upon you to take action today to perform true due diligence before this project moves forward.

Sincerely,

George Latimer
NYS Senator, 37th S.D.

cc: Susan Van Dusen