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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 am writing today to express my continuing concern about the potential health and safety effects of the proposed Algonquin Incremental Market project. Given the proximity of the project to the Indian Point Energy Center, and the devastating nature of a potential accident affecting Indian Point, FERC must require an independent and rigorous analysis of the possible hazards of locating a gas pipeline so close to a nuclear facility. Requiring Entergy to perform a hazards analysis was an appropriate first step, but FERC staff must not simply accept those studies at face value; they must be evaluated by an independent expert or experts.

Further, families living near compressor stations or metering and regulating stations must not be subjected to health risks from emissions into the air or water. Therefore, Spectra Energy must be required, both during the construction period and during the operation of the project, to comply in all respects with the requirements of New York State law regarding environmental protection as well as the mitigating measures required by FERC's approval of the project.

I urge FERC to delay construction of this project until it has taken the time to examine thoroughly the complex issues that must be addressed in order for the pipeline to be built and operated in a manner that does not have significant negative effects on the natural environment or the health and safety of the residents of areas near the proposed pipeline.

Sincerely yours,

Amy R. Paulin Member of Assembly

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