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Dear Chairwomen LaFleur and Macfarlane:

With the requests for a Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) rehearing pending, I am writing to reiterate serious concerns regarding the Spectra Energy Partners (Spectra) Algonquin Incremental Market (AIM) Expansion project and its proximity to Indian Point Energy Center (IPEC). Significant health, safety, and environmental issues have not been sufficiently addressed, and therefore I again ask that FERC grant the request for rehearing. In the rehearing, FERC must consider an independent, transparent, and comprehensive assessment of the risk of a pipeline accident in the vicinity of IPEC.

The responses from FERC to my October 6, 2014 letter and from the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) to my November 17, 2014 letter, as well as responses to my questions to NRC at a House Appropriations Committee hearing on March 24, 2015, were insufficient. Critical issues still need to be addressed.

I again call on you to reconsider your decision on the AIM project and to approve the request for rehearing that I and so many others have submitted.

Sincerely,

Nita M. Lowey
Member of Congress

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