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Algonquin Gas Transmission, LLC
Algonquin Incremental Market Project
Docket No. CP14-96-000

September 29, 2016

Chris Harvey
Algonquin Gas Transmission, LLC
5400 Westheimer Ct.
Houston, TX 77056

Re: Hudson River Serious Violation

Dear Mr. Harvey:

Thank you for your timely response to our September 9, 2016 letter regarding a violation of the Commission's Order that occurred during construction of the Algonquin Incremental Market Project at the Hudson River horizontal direction drill crossing. While Algonquin has provided an explanation regarding the events that led to the disturbance of a forested wetland, and has developed revised protocols to prevent reoccurrence of communication failure, additional agency consultation is required. We acknowledge Algonquin's efforts to coordinate with the US Army Corps of Engineers, New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC), and New York State Historic Preservation Officer. We note, however, that the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) has not been consulted about tree clearing outside of the allowed timing window or regarding the potential presence of suitable bog turtle habitat. Therefore, within seven days of the date of this letter Algonquin should consult with the FWS regarding this violation and provide a supplemental response on its consultation with the FWS.

If you have any questions, please contact Magdalene Suter, environmental project manager, at (202) 502-6463 or Alisa Lykens, Gas Branch 2 Chief, at (202) 502-8766.

Sincerely,

Ann F. Miles
Director
Office of Energy Projects

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