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**PAUL BLANCH
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Dear Mr. Blanch:

This letter acknowledges receipt of and responds to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request dated 3/11/2016 and received in the Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration's (PHMSA's) FOIA Office on the same date. You requested a copy of the risk assessment and certification of regulatory compliance with 49 CFR 192 for the Algonquin Incremental Market (AIM) Project proposed by Algonquin Gas Transmission in New York State.

PHMSA conducted a reasonable search and did not locate records responsive to your FOIA request. Because PHMSA did not locate any records, you may consider this determination a denial of your record request. *See* Department of Transportation's FOIA Regulations, 49 C.F.R. § 7.31(a)(3). I am the official responsible for this determination.

You have the right to appeal this determination. Your appeal must be made in writing and postmarked or transmitted within forty-five calendar days from the date of this letter. In order to be considered an official appeal, it must be addressed as follows:

Marie Therese Dominguez
Administrator, Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, DC 20590

Both the appeal and the envelope should be plainly marked "FOIA APPEAL." Please make reference to your assigned FOIA Reference Number **2016-0074** so that we may identify your case promptly. In addition, you should include all information and arguments that form the basis of your appeal. For more information on your right to an administrative appeal, refer to the Department's FOIA

regulations, 49 C.F.R. § 7.32(d).

For additional information on your topic of interest, you may wish to contact the Community Assistance & Technical Services (CATS) Manager in PHMSA's Office of Pipeline Safety, Eastern Region. The contact information for the CATS Manager is:

Karen Gentile
e-mail: Karen.Gentile@dot.gov
Tel: 609-989-2252

Because the fee for processing your request falls below the minimum amount the Department of Transportation charges for processing FOIA requests, we processed your request at no charge to you. *See* Department of Transportation FOIA Regulations, 49 C.F.R. § 7.43(a)(1).

This concludes our response to your request. If you have any questions regarding your request, please feel free to contact me at 202-366-0273 or PHMSA.FOIA@dot.gov.

Sincerely,

FOIA Officer
Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA)