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## NEW YORK STATE LEGISLATURE

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July 24, 2018

Chairman Kevin J McIntyre  
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission  
888 First Street, N.E.  
Washington, D.C. 20426

Dear Chairman McIntyre:

We write to you as representatives of the communities that host, and are in close proximity to, the Algonquin Incremental Market Pipeline. We have a number of concerns regarding the safe operation of the Pipeline and wanted to bring them to your attention on behalf of our constituents, and as concerned residents ourselves. We have had these concerns for years and they were only reinforced with the release of the recent Algonquin Incremental Market Pipeline Risk Analysis Report that was published on June 22, 2018. Precautionary action must be taken to address these concerns about the Pipeline and its operation. Several New York State agencies have raised these issues to FERC (letter attached). As regulators it is incumbent upon FERC to recognize not only the in-depth knowledge state agencies have on the issue of the AIM pipeline, but also to work in conjunction with state agencies to ensure public safety. Therefore, for FERC to not address the safety of the AIM pipeline is unacceptable to our constituents.

The Risk Analysis raised a number of concerns about the pipelines. In conducting your initial analysis, FERC relied on information provided by Entergy and Spectra Energy. These assumptions, such as the three minute shutdown capability, have been accepted without being questioned by FERC. As the foundation for a safety assessment, it is essential that this information be independently verified. The communities in close proximity deserve to have the answers to the concerns raised by the Risk Analysis and articulated through the letter sent to you by the New York State agencies.

We request itemized responses that deal with our concerns and the concerns of the letter from the New York State agencies, as well as the manner in which they will be addressed. If you cannot provide us with in-depth responses, we urge the closure of the pipeline until such time as our concerns are addressed.

We look forward to the answers to the safety issues raised in the letter attached on or before August 31, 2018. Thank you for your attention to our request.

Sincerely yours,



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