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FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION

The Honorable Norman Bay
Chairman
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
888 First Street, N.E.
Washington, D.C. 20426

Dear Chairman Bay,


We write in support of the requests for rehearing made by the towns of Boston and Dedham and other interveners with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) with respect to the Algonquin Incremental Market (AIM) Project's West Roxbury Lateral and other components. In evaluating this proposed pipeline project, it is imperative that the Commission fully consider the project's impacts and the concerns of local communities in order to protect public health and safety and the environment. We therefore write in support of the timely requests for rehearing that have been submitted by these Massachusetts communities with respect to this project.

Part of the AIM Project is a proposal to construct nearly 5 miles of new pipeline through the towns of Westwood, Dedham, and the West Roxbury section of the City of Boston – called the West Roxbury Lateral – and a new metering and regulation station. The towns of Boston and Dedham have filed timely requests for rehearing of FERC's March 3, 2015 order authorizing the AIM Project. In their requests for rehearing, these affected communities note that the West Roxbury Lateral and the West Roxbury Meter Station would be located in densely populated areas. The communities also note that the proposed route would abut a quarry which employs active blasting operations.

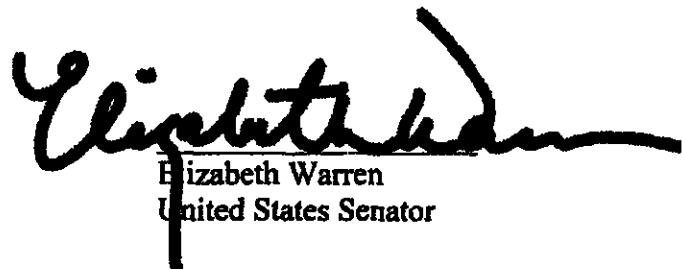
It is imperative that FERC fully consider the impacts that siting such a new natural gas pipeline in a densely populated urban area could have on safety, public health and the environment. FERC should fully take into account and evaluate the concerns of affected communities in Massachusetts in making these siting decisions.

We therefore write in support of the requests for rehearing submitted by these affected Massachusetts communities with respect to the AIM Project. These requests for rehearing have been filed in a timely fashion and should be given full consideration by FERC. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



Edward J. Markey
United States Senator



Elizabeth Warren
United States Senator

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