

LEGAL NOTICE
COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
ENERGY FACILITIES SITING BOARD

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS TO BE HELD BY MASSACHUSETTS
ENERGY FACILITIES SITING BOARD STAFF REGARDING PROPOSED
CONSTRUCTION OF NATURAL GAS PIPELINES, COMPRESSOR STATIONS, AND AN
LNG STORAGE FACILITY IN WORCESTER, NORFOLK, AND BRISTOL COUNTIES,
MASSACHUSETTS

Algonquin Gas Transmission, LLC
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission Docket No.: PF16-1-000

Algonquin Gas Transmission, LLC (“Algonquin”) has proposed to construct new natural gas pipelines and related facilities in New Jersey, New York, Connecticut, Rhode Island, and Massachusetts. The facilities would comprise the Access Northeast Project (“Project”). In Massachusetts, the Project would include approximately 55.51 miles of new pipeline, plus additional facilities, both of which are described in more detail in the tables below.

Proposed New Pipeline Facilities in Massachusetts

Facility Name	Diameter	Location(s)	Length (in miles)
Q-1 Loop	30-inch	Medway, Bellingham, Franklin, Millis, Norfolk, Walpole, Sharon, Canton, Stoughton	21.68
I-8 Loop	30-inch	Braintree, Weymouth	4.19
West Boylston Lateral	16-inch	Medway, Milford, Upton, Grafton, Sutton, Millbury, Shrewsbury, Boylston, West Boylston	26.78
Acushnet	24-inch	Freetown, Acushnet	2.86

Additional Proposed Facilities in Massachusetts

Facility Type	Location(s)
Add 10,320 horsepower (“hp”) to a compressor station that has been proposed to be constructed as part of the Atlantic Bridge Project, FERC CP16-9, which is under review.	Weymouth
Build a new 10,320 hp compressor station	Rehoboth
LNG liquefaction, storage, and vaporization installation, including two LNG storage tanks with a total combined capacity of 6.8 billion cubic feet	Acushnet

New metering and regulation station	Acushnet
New metering and regulation station	West Boylston

The Project is currently being reviewed by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (“FERC”) in what is called the Pre-Filing Process. FERC will prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (“EIS”) to satisfy the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act. The EIS will be used by FERC to consider the environmental impacts that could result if it approves the Project. FERC is required to review and recommend measures to avoid, minimize or mitigate such impacts.

The Massachusetts Energy Facilities Siting Board (“Siting Board”) participates in FERC proceedings involving natural gas pipelines in order to represent the interests of the Commonwealth and its residents. The Siting Board will hold four public hearings to hear directly from residents, officials, and other interested persons about their concerns relating to the Project. The Siting Board hearings, set forth below, are separate and distinct from the public hearings being held by FERC.

Monday, May 2, 2016, 7:00 pm Grafton High School Auditorium 24 Providence Road Grafton, MA 01519	Thursday, May 12, 2016, 7:00 pm Ford Middle School Auditorium 708 Middle Road Acushnet, MA 02743
Monday, May 9, 2016, 7:00 pm Walpole High School Auditorium 275 Common Street Walpole, MA 02081	Wednesday, May 11, 2016, 7:00 pm Abigail Adams Middle School Auditorium 89 Middle Street East Weymouth, MA 02189

The Siting Board also seeks written comments concerning the proposed Project. Comments should be sent by email to BOTH robert.j.shea@state.ma.us and dpu.efiling@state.ma.us or by U.S. mail to: Energy Facilities Siting Board, One South Station, Boston, Massachusetts 02110, Attention: Robert Shea, Presiding Officer. The comments should be sent to the Siting Board by May 20, 2016. The Siting Board will use the comments it receives, whether oral or written, in drafting a comment letter on the Project to FERC. If you have any questions, please contact Robert Shea at the e-mail or physical address above.

Additional information about the Project is available on the FERC website (<http://www.ferc.gov>). Click on the eLibrary link, click on “General Search” and enter the FERC docket number “PF16-1.” For assistance, please contact FERC Online Support at ferconlinesupport@ferc.gov or call FERC at 1-866-208-3676.