



COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
THE GENERAL COURT

STATE HOUSE, BOSTON 02133-1053

February 17, 2021

Kimberly Bose, Secretary
Federal Regulatory Energy Commission
888 First Street, N.E.
Washington, D.C. 20426

Re: FERC Docket # CP16-9-000

Dear Secretary Bose:

We write today to respectfully urge the Federal Regulatory Energy Commission (FERC) to rehear the certificate of in-service operation for the compressor station in North Weymouth.

At the January 19, 2021 FERC meeting, the denial of rehearing for the certificate of in-service operation for the Weymouth Compressor Station was not granted. However, concerns were raised regarding Environmental Justice issues and the impacts of increased toxic emissions in the already overburdened Fore River Basin area.

Further, at this same meeting, three Commissioners expressed concerns about the lack of a safety review following two incidents that occurred at the site on September 11, 2020 and September 30, 2020. Investigations into these unplanned blowdown events were just completed by the Pipeline and Hazardous Materials and Safety Administration (PHMSA) last week, so there is still much to learn from these operational failures.

Given the many important factors to consider regarding this project, we respectfully request that the Commission immediately grant approval of the rehearing request.

Thank you in advance for your consideration. Please do not hesitate to contact us directly with any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,




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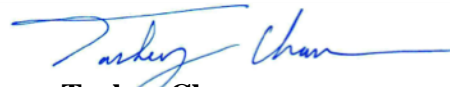
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