

September 3, 2020

Landowner Name  
Address  
City, State, Zip Code

Reference: Atlantic Bridge Project – Weymouth Compressor Station  
FERC Docket #CP16-9-000  
Upcoming Compressor Station Testing Activities

Dear Sir or Madam:

Algonquin Gas Transmission, LLC (“AGT”) will be testing and calibrating piping and equipment installed at the Weymouth Compressor Station as part of the Atlantic Bridge Project. The testing will begin on September 8, 2020 and continue thru October 1, 2020.

Testing activities take place entirely within AGT’s property and include testing the recently installed pipeline, interconnects to the existing meter station and the newly constructed compressor station to ensure the facilities will operate as designed and in a safe manner. Testing includes removing air from within the recently installed pipeline facilities and then filling those facilities with natural gas. In addition, the Emergency Shutdown System (“ESD”), which is one of the many safety features designed to support safe operations, will be tested on one or two occasions during this period, and the gas turbine will be started so it can be tested and calibrated to ensure it is mechanically fit for service. Testing the gas turbine involves 24/7 operation within the station until the test is successfully completed. Auxiliary equipment and systems are also checked and tested.

These are standard testing procedures that are undertaken with health and safety as our priority and will pose no danger to the public. These tests will result in the occasional venting of air and natural gas to the atmosphere from within AGT’s property, including intermittent gas releases from the existing meter station and the newly constructed compressor station. During the release of natural gas to the atmosphere as part of the ESD test, you may smell mercaptan, which is routinely added to natural gas to make its presence detectable for safety reasons. Natural gas is lighter than air and the gas that is vented will rapidly rise and dissipate. Portable deodorizing equipment and monitors that measure the amount of natural gas released will also be used during these tests. There may also be elevated noise produced, similar to the sound of a jet engine, for a duration of several minutes on one or two occasions during testing when natural gas is released to the atmosphere through the ESD. The sound associated with normal operations at the compressor station will be less than the sound associated with an ESD test and the compressor station is designed to meet all applicable noise regulations. Company representatives will be on site throughout testing.

Please be advised that local police, fire and municipal officials in Weymouth, Braintree, Quincy and Hingham have been notified of these planned tests. In addition, local police and fire officials will be notified shortly before and at the conclusion of any activity involving the release of natural gas.

AGT is committed to continuing to operate its interstate natural gas pipeline system safely in accordance with all applicable laws and regulations. Should you have any questions regarding these tests, please contact our landowner information line at 888-331-6553. Calls may also be directed to the Enbridge Gas Control 24-hour call line at 800-726-8383.

Very truly yours,



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