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Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary  
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission  
888 First Street NE, Room 1A  
Washington, DC 20426

Re: Project Docket Number **CP14-96-000**

Dear Secretary Bose,

I have reviewed the analysis of the pipeline expert, Rick Kuprewicz of Accufacts, Inc., that was completed for the Town of Cortlandt titled *Review of Algonquin Gas Transmission LLC's Algonquin Incremental Market ("AIM" Project), Impacting the Town of Cortlandt, NY, FERC Docket No. CP14-96-0000, Increasing System Capacity for 2.6 Billion Cubic Feet (Bcf/d) to 2.93 Bcf/d.* (See attached) As a result I am persuaded that your decision not to issue a supplemental DEIS and to issue the FEIS soon is unacceptable.

Rick Kuprewicz's analysis of the proposed Algonquin pipeline expansion in Cortlandt takes issue with the size of the pipeline. If indeed it is oversized and overbuilt, as he suggests, the immediate consequences of this inefficiency are wasted horsepower and increased pollution. The long term effects are even more serious as they preclude the consideration of a variety of energy proposals that may be available in the future. Further, the serious safety concerns that have been raised by the proximity of the proposed pipeline to the Indian Point Nuclear Plant, the Buchanan-Verplanck Elementary School, and an historic Roman Catholic Church could be avoided.

Kuprewicz also questions the Safety Evaluation and Analysis of the Indian Point Nuclear Plant submitted by Entergy. He finds it seriously deficient and inadequate. Based on his analysis as well as that of another independent nuclear expert with whom I have met, I do not believe that Entergy's analysis as accepted by the NRC with the NRC's limited review of that analysis, should suffice.

Given the seriousness of the issues that have been raised, I urge you to require an independent risk assessment and that you delay approval of the pipeline until it is done.

Sincerely,

Sandy Galef  
New York State Assembly, 95<sup>th</sup> District

Attachment