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6 ALCONQUIN INCREMENTAL MARKET PROJECT

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8 Holiday Inn Dedham

9 55 Ariadne Road

10 Dedham, MA 02026

11 Thursday, October 3, 2013

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13 The public scoping meeting, pursuant to notice,  
14 convened at 7 p.m., Doug Sipe chair of the scoping meeting.

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1 LIST OF PUBLIC SPEAKERS

2 DOUG SIPE, FERC Chair

3 MAGGIE SUTER

4 JIM LUSKAY

5 ROBERT SHEA

6 GEORGE PROVIDAKES

7 JOE GOODE

8 JILL SLAMIN

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## 1 P R O C E E D I N G S

2 MR. SIPE: It's so quiet in here. You guys  
3 sleeping? It's hot in here, we apologize about that but we  
4 tried to have engineering come in and fix it. We also  
5 apologize about the parking out there, we had some, we were  
6 supposed to have some other federal employees out there  
7 parking cars but they got furloughed so...they couldn't make  
8 it tonight. No, I mean it's a busy place, that's what I was  
9 waiting, that is why we are a little bit late, I see some  
10 people coming in so hopefully everyone can make it.

11 On behalf of the Federal Energy Regulatory  
12 Commission, I would like to welcome you here tonight. This  
13 is a Scoping Meeting for the Algonquin Incremental Market  
14 Project known as AIM, proposed by the Algonquin Gas  
15 Transmission LLC Algonquin, an indirect wholly owned  
16 subsidiary of Spectra Energy Corporation.

17 Let the record show that the public meeting  
18 tonight in Dedham, Massachusetts began at 7:14 p.m. on  
19 Thursday, October 3, 2013. The primary purpose tonight is  
20 to provide you guys with some information about FERC. To  
21 provide you guys some information about the Company's  
22 project and really give you guys the opportunity to ask any  
23 question that you may have. Now, we may not have every  
24 answer but we will try to or we will get that answer to you.

25 My name is Doug Sipe, I am the Outreach Manager  
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1 at FERC. With me to my right is Maggie Suter, she is the  
2 Project Manager for this AIM Project. At the sign-in table  
3 when you came in Jennifer Lee, and Stu Buchanan from Natural  
4 Resource Group, they are consultants assisting us in the  
5 environmental documentation behind this project. Now I am  
6 going to turn it over to Maggie, Project Manager to go over  
7 a little bit about FERC, who we are and what we do before we  
8 turn it over to the Massachusetts Siting Board, they are  
9 going to have a little bit of an explanation about their  
10 agency and then we are going to have the Company give a  
11 presentation about the project before we turn it over to you  
12 so standby.

13 MS. SUTER: Can you all here me okay? Am I good,  
14 I'm good all right. So as Doug said my name is Maggie Suter  
15 and I'm the Environmental Project Manager for the AIM  
16 Project. FERC is an independent agency that regulates the  
17 interstate transmission of electricity, natural gas and oil.  
18 We review proposals and authorize construction of interstate  
19 natural gas pipelines, storage facilities and liquefied  
20 natural gas or LNG totals as well as the licensing and  
21 inspection of hydroelectric projects.

22 As a federal licensing agency, the FERC has the  
23 responsibility under the National Environmental Policy act,  
24 or NEPA to consider the potential environmental impact  
25 associated with the project which is under our  
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1 consideration. With regard to Algonquin's AIM Project, the  
2 FERC is the lead agency for the National Environmental  
3 Policy Act review and the preparation of an Environmental  
4 Impact Statement or an EIS.

5 We are currently meeting with other federal,  
6 state and local agencies to determine their NEPA  
7 responsibility and potential levels of involvement for the  
8 project, and whether any of those agencies may wish to  
9 become cooperating agencies in the preparation of the EIS  
10 with us.

11 As Doug mentioned earlier, the primary purpose of  
12 this meeting tonight is to give you an opportunity to  
13 comment on the project or on the environmental issues that  
14 you would like to see covered in the EIS. It will help us  
15 most if your comments are as specific as possible regarding  
16 the potential environmental impacts and reasonable  
17 alternatives of the proposed AIM Project.

18 These issues generally focus on the potential for  
19 environmental affect but may also address construction  
20 issues, mitigation and the environmental review process as a  
21 whole. In addition this meeting is designed to provide you  
22 with an opportunity to meet with the Algonquin  
23 representatives to ask them questions and to get more  
24 detailed information about their proposed facility locations  
25 and construction plans. You may have noticed they were here  
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1 earlier at the start with maps out front and they will be  
2 here again at the end of the meeting, once we close the  
3 formal part so that after we have had the main formal part  
4 of the meeting, if you have additional questions or  
5 something else has come up and you want to ask some more,  
6 they are here to answer more questions for you.

7           Tonight's agenda is simple. First I am going to  
8 start with the environmental review process and FERC's role  
9 in this process. Then we are going to let the Project's  
10 sponsor Algonquin give a more complete description of their  
11 proposal. Then we will hear from those of you who have  
12 signed up to speak. If you would like to present comments  
13 tonight, please be sure to sign in at the speakers list at  
14 the sign in table. If you haven't done that yet, but yet  
15 afterwards a question comes up in your mind and you think  
16 that you are going to want to speak, we will have the  
17 opportunity to open up for additional questions and comments  
18 afterwards.

19           So first I am going to briefly describe our  
20 environmental review process for you. To illustrate how  
21 this process works, we have a beautiful flow diagram over  
22 here that we brought in from outside and this was also  
23 attached to the Notice of Intent that was mailed out to  
24 hopefully everyone who is here tonight. If you did not get  
25 it, you can be added to our mailing list and we have extra  
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1 copies at the sign in table and it is sort of towards the  
2 back of here, the flow chart.

3 And right now we are sort of in the middle to end  
4 of this big reddish-colored box of public input  
5 opportunities where we are holding our public scoping  
6 meetings. And we have done quite a bit so far and I am  
7 going to go through a lot of that but the important thing  
8 that I want to note in here is that we are still actually  
9 very early on in the process although it sort of appears  
10 like this is the middle, it is actually quite a lengthy  
11 period of time before we go from this step where we are  
12 right now to this next step down here, so where we are now  
13 with scoping meetings to this next step of receiving a  
14 formal application is quite a bit of time. This is not  
15 anticipating until maybe February of next year, so this is a  
16 long period of time in between.

17 Currently as I said we are very, we are here but  
18 Algonquin requested to enter our pre-filing process on June  
19 18, 2013 and we accepted them on June 28, 2013 and that  
20 began our review of the facilities that we refer to as the  
21 AIM Project. The main purpose of the pre-filing process is  
22 to encourage the involvement of all interested stakeholders  
23 in a manner than allows for the early identification and  
24 resolution of environmental issues.

25 As of today, as I mentioned, no formal  
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1 application has been filed with FERC, however FERC, along  
2 with other federal, state and local agencies have begun  
3 reviewing the project through the pre-filing process and  
4 again that is to allow us to begin meeting with local  
5 landowners and agencies and begin identifying issues of  
6 concern and resolving those issues or identifying mitigation  
7 measures and alternatives, as soon as we possibly can.

8 On September 13th we mailed out this Notice of  
9 Intent or NOI to prepare and EIS for the Project and  
10 initiated the scoping period. This scoping or comment  
11 period will end on October 14, 2013. During our review of  
12 the Project we will assemble information from a variety of  
13 sources which include Algonquin, the public, other state  
14 local and federal agencies in our own independent analysis  
15 and field work. We will analyze this information and  
16 prepare a draft EIS that will be distributed for public  
17 comment.

18 Once the scoping is finished, our next step will  
19 be to begin analyzing the Company's proposals and the issues  
20 that have been identified during the scoping period. This  
21 will include an examination of the proposed facility  
22 locations as well as alternative sites. We will assess the  
23 Project's effects on water bodies, wetlands, vegetation and  
24 wildlife, endangered species, cultural resources, soils,  
25 land use, air quality and safety.

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1           When complete, our analysis of the potential  
2 impacts will be published as a draft EIS and presented to  
3 the public for a 45 day comment period. It's sort of down  
4 here in this next public input opportunity that goes along  
5 with our beautiful flowchart for you.

6           During that 45 day comment period on the draft  
7 EIS, we will hold more public meetings to gather feedback on  
8 our analysis and findings. After making any necessary  
9 changes or additions to the draft EIS a final EIS will again  
10 be mailed to the entire mailing list. Please note that the  
11 size of our mailing list and the mail version of the EIS is  
12 often on a CD, this means that unless you tell us otherwise,  
13 the EIS that you will find in your mailbox will be on a CD.  
14 If you prefer to have a hard copy mailed to you, you must  
15 indicate that choice on the return mailer attached to the  
16 NOI. You can also indicate that on the attendance sheet on  
17 the sign in table tonight.

18           As I mentioned earlier, our issuance of the NOI  
19 opened a formal comment period that will close on October  
20 14, 2013. The NOI encourages you to submit your comments as  
21 soon as possible in order to give us time to analyze and  
22 research the issues. If you receive the NOI in the mail,  
23 you are on our mailing list and will remain on the list to  
24 receive the EIS and any other supplemental notices we may  
25 issue about this Project unless you return the mailer  
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1 attached on the back of the NOI and you indicate that you  
2 wish to be removed from the mailing list.

3 In fact, there are copies of the NOI available at  
4 the sign in table. If you did not receive the NOI and you  
5 should have I do apologize, the mailing list for this  
6 Project is quite large and undergoing constant revision.  
7 You can be added to our mailing list by signing up at the  
8 sign in table in the back or by submitting comments to the  
9 Project.

10 We also would like to add that FERC encourages  
11 electronic filing of all comments and other documents.  
12 Instructions for this can be located in the NOI or on our  
13 website at [www.FERC.gov](http://www.FERC.gov) under the e-filing link. If you  
14 wish to submit written comments, please follow the  
15 directions in the NOI. I would also like to make a note  
16 that although the comment period closes on October 14th, the  
17 docket for this Project does not close on October 14th, and  
18 we will continue to receive and accept comments beyond that  
19 date but that is the initial comment period that has been  
20 set for his Project so that we can begin to accept comments  
21 and define the scope of the Project and the issues that we  
22 need to analyze for the Project and that Algonquin should be  
23 looking into to refine their Project and their resource  
24 points.

25 It is very important that any comments that you  
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1 do send, either electronically or by traditional mail  
2 include our internal docket number for the Project. The  
3 docket number is on the cover of the NOI and is available at  
4 the sign in table. If you decide to send us a comment  
5 letter please put that number on it. This will ensure that  
6 members of the staff evaluating the Project will get your  
7 comments as soon as it is possible. The docket number for  
8 the AIM Project is PF13-16.

9 Now I am going to briefly explain the roles of  
10 the FERC Commission and of the FERC Environmental Staff.  
11 The five-member Commissioners are responsible for making a  
12 determination on whether to issue a Certificate of Public  
13 Convenience and Necessity to the applicant for a specific  
14 project. In this case, that is Algonquin for the AIM  
15 Project.

16 The EIS prepared by the FERC environmental staff,  
17 which I am a part of describes the Project facilities and  
18 the associated environmental impacts, the alternatives to  
19 the Project, the mitigation to avoid or reduce impacts and  
20 our conclusions and recommendations. The EIS is not a  
21 decision document. It is being prepared to disclose to the  
22 public and to the Commission the environmental impact of  
23 constructing and operating the proposed project. When it is  
24 completed, the Commissioners will consider the environmental  
25 information from that EIS that was prepared, along with the  
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1 non-environmental issues such as engineering, markets and  
2 rates in making a decision to approve or deny Algonquin's  
3 request for a certificate.

4 There is no review of FERC's decision by the  
5 President or Congress, maintaining FERC's independence as a  
6 regulatory agency and providing for fair and unbiased  
7 decisions.

8 MR. SIPE: Thank you Maggie, now Maggie went  
9 through the FERC Process, told you a little bit about FERC.  
10 I would like to hand over to Robert Shea, so that he can  
11 over the explanation of the Massachusetts Energy Facility  
12 Siting Board's role.

13 MR. SHEA: Thank you very much. My name, as Mr.  
14 Sipe told you is Robert Shea. I am an attorney with  
15 Massachusetts Energy Facility Siting Board and with me  
16 tonight are two of my colleagues Enid Kumin, who is an  
17 economist with the Siting Board and Barbara Shapiro who is  
18 the Board's Environmental Director.

19 Let me take just a moment to explain what the  
20 Siting Board does and its role in this proceeding. The  
21 Massachusetts Energy Facilities Siting Board is an  
22 administrative agency of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.  
23 One of the principal functions of the Siting Board is to  
24 review proposals for construction or new energy facilities  
25 in Massachusetts, including large power plants, electric  
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1 transmission lines, natural gas pipelines and natural gas  
2 storage tanks.

3 The Siting Board's statutory mission is to ensure  
4 that the construction of a proposed facility will be  
5 consistent with providing a reliable supply of energy for  
6 the Commonwealth with a minimum impact on the environment at  
7 the lowest possible cost. The Siting Board does not,  
8 however, have the authority to approve or disapprove  
9 interstate natural gas pipeline facilities, such as the one  
10 being proposed by Algonquin in this case.

11 Instead such authority rests with FERC in  
12 Washington DC. The Siting Board is not part of FERC. FERC  
13 is an agency of the Federal government and the Siting board  
14 is a State agency. When an interstate natural gas  
15 pipeline, such as the Algonquin Incremental Market Project  
16 applies to FERC to construct or modify facilities within  
17 Massachusetts, the same Board is required by its regulations  
18 to preserve the rights of interested citizens of the  
19 Commonwealth by intervening in the FERC proceedings in any  
20 such application.

21 Algonquin, however, is now in what is called the  
22 pre-filing phase of the FERC proceeding as Maggie explained.  
23 This means that no petition has been filed with FERC. Once  
24 Algonquin has filed an official petition with FERC then the  
25 Siting Board will hold a public information hearing in this  
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1 area, the area where the proposed facility is to be located.

2 Notice of this hearing will be given to members  
3 of the public and any and all members of the public will be  
4 invited to attend the public meeting and to submit comments,  
5 oral or written. Because Algonquin has not yet filed the  
6 petition with FERC I cannot estimate when the Siting Board  
7 will be conducting this hearing.

8 After the inclusion of the Siting Board's Public  
9 Hearing and an additional public comment period, the Siting  
10 Board will file written comments regarding the proposed  
11 project with FERC. The Siting Board's comments are intended  
12 to identify difficulties and problems with the project that  
13 are associated with environmental issues as required by our  
14 regulations.

15 In addition, the Siting Board may advocate for  
16 imposition of conditions on the Project in order to mitigate  
17 the impacts that the pipeline would pose on abutters and on  
18 local community. The Siting Board's comments to FERC will  
19 be based in part upon the review of the formal application  
20 that Algonquin will file with FERC, the pre-filing  
21 materials, a site visit by the Siting Board Staff, along the  
22 proposed pipeline route and upon the public comment and  
23 questions that are received by the Siting Board after the  
24 public commentary that I just mentioned.

25 If you have any questions for me, I will be here  
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1 after the meeting has concluded and I am glad to speak to  
2 you and give you my business card so that you can contact me  
3 in the future. Thank you, thank you Doug.

4 MR. SIPE: Thank you Mr. Shea. Okay before we  
5 start the important part of the meeting I ask Algonquin,  
6 since this is their Project and their proposal to give you  
7 guys an overview of the Project and Mr. Jim Luskay from  
8 Algonquin will do that for us now.

9 MR. LUSKAY: Thank you Doug. Good evening  
10 everyone, my name is Jim Luskay and I am the Regional  
11 Project Director for Spectra Energy covering the  
12 Northeastern United States. Thank you for giving me the  
13 opportunity to address you this evening, and thank you for  
14 coming out and taking the time to come speak with us, the  
15 real value for this session is to hear what you have to say  
16 about the Project, what your concerns and questions may be,  
17 so as we do continue forward with the proposal, and working  
18 on our design and make modifications that we know what input  
19 that you have provided is important.

20 So I really feel that this is very valuable time  
21 for us and I hope that you find it to be a valuable  
22 experience as well. We certainly want to share information  
23 about the project as to the intent as well, to make sure  
24 that as we develop that we do share what we are planning and  
25 that is part of this evening's activities too. So thank you  
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1 for being here.

2 Spectra Energy has served customers and  
3 communities in North America for more than a century. The  
4 Company develops and operates natural gas, liquid and crude  
5 oil pipelines. Additionally the Company gathers and processes  
6 natural gas, stores it and distributes it. Spectra Energy's  
7 Assets include Algonquin Gas Transmission, LLC, known as  
8 Algonquin an interstate pipeline system that has been  
9 operating safely for sixty years in this area. It  
10 transports up to 2.44 billion cubic feet per day of natural  
11 gas for many supply basins into New Jersey, New York and New  
12 England.

13 The Algonquin System includes 1120 miles of  
14 various size pipelines extending from Lambertville, New  
15 Jersey to New York, Connecticut, Rhode Island and  
16 Massachusetts. The system includes main lines, laterals and  
17 35 miles of offshore pipeline from Weymouth, Massachusetts  
18 to Beverly, Massachusetts referred to as hubline.

19 The Algonquin system inner-connects with Spectra  
20 Energy's Texas Eastern transmission system in Lambertville,  
21 New Jersey and with the Maritimes and Northeast Pipeline,  
22 which is already owned by Spectra Energy in Beverly,  
23 Massachusetts. By regulation, Algonquin is an open access  
24 pipeline that must transport natural gas on a  
25 non-discriminatory basis.

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1           So a little bit about the purpose and the need  
2           for the AIM Project, currently Algonquin is participating in  
3           the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's pre-filing  
4           process as Maggie had noted for proposed expansion called  
5           the Algonquin Incremental Market Project or AIM Project.  
6           The AIM Project will expand Algonquin's existing public  
7           pipeline system in order to transport an additional 342,000  
8           dekatherms per day of natural gas from an inner-connect at  
9           Ramapo, New York into the Northeast.

10           The increased capacity offered by the AIM Project  
11           will allow abundant domestically produced natural gas  
12           supplies to flow reliably into the Northeast markets. The  
13           secure cost effect supplies will help meet the region's  
14           current demand as well as the future growth for clean  
15           burning natural gas. Investment in new natural gas pipeline  
16           infrastructure, such as the AIM Project, will lead to  
17           savings in energy costs.

18           A report by the concentric energy advisor  
19           concludes that "the direct benefit of the New England  
20           infrastructure is estimated to range from approximately 243  
21           million to 313 million dollars in annual cost savings."

22           Open seasons were held in September, November in  
23           2012 and in June of this year. An open season is the  
24           process where potential customers express interest in  
25           participating in a pipeline expansion project that will  
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1 provide them with access to pipeline capacity. How much  
2 they request is based on their projected needs. The  
3 accumulation of all of the participating customer  
4 requirements is what determine the scope of the project and  
5 what facilities need to be built to serve their demand.

6 As a development of the project evolves, the  
7 volumes committed to by the customers and the resulting  
8 scope does change. Currently our scope is for the  
9 previously mentioned 342,000 dekatherms per day and we have  
10 executed precedence agreements with the following companies:  
11 UIL Holdings, which includes the local distribution  
12 companies, Connecticut Natural Gas and Southern Connecticut  
13 Gas, Northeast Utilities, which includes the local  
14 distribution companies Yankee Gas Services and Enstar Gas  
15 Company, National Grid which includes the local distribution  
16 companies Narragansett, Colonial and Boston Gas and Nisource  
17 which includes the local distribution company Bay State Gas.

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19 A little bit about the Project, talking with a  
20 few folks out there earlier, that's one of the questions is  
21 when this work will occur. The overall Project schedule  
22 began in February and March of this year, it started when we  
23 began contacting landowners and federal and state and local  
24 officials to introduce the project and begin to gather  
25 feedback on the proposed facilities and locations.

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1           With FERC's approval, we began the pre-filing  
2 process that Maggie had noted in June. From April to  
3 September we hosted fifteen voluntary landowner  
4 informational meetings and ten public open houses in New  
5 York, Connecticut, Rhode Island and Massachusetts. Meeting  
6 notifications were sent out to directly impacted landowners  
7 and abutters.

8           Contact was made directly with local officials  
9 and for the public open houses ads were placed in local  
10 papers. This is the third such meeting held in this area,  
11 in fact at this location and down the road. These meetings  
12 provide the opportunities as I have mentioned before for  
13 people to learn more about the AIM Project and let us know  
14 how the proposed facilities may impact that and to discuss  
15 how impacts may be mitigated.

16           We realize that for this portion of the Project,  
17 there are many landowners and businesses that were contacted  
18 due to the density of the population in the area. How we  
19 determine that is on the, we are primarily running down  
20 through streets where we were in a four lane street, we went  
21 with the side of the two lanes on the side that we think is  
22 most likely where we will run the line and that's where we  
23 made the notification. If for some reason we did need to go  
24 to the other two lanes of that four lane, we would notify  
25 the other side of the street and we would notify the folks  
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1 who received the initial notifications that we are moving  
2 the location.

3 On the two lane streets, we notified both side of  
4 the street not knowing exactly where we are going to be yet,  
5 so it should be, because you had a notification doesn't  
6 necessarily mean it will be on your side of the street. It  
7 could be somewhere within the street line. I know there has  
8 been a little confusion on that and I do apologize for it.

9 Certainly if you do have any questions on where  
10 we are proposing the line and how it relates to your  
11 property, if you haven't done so already, please get with  
12 one of our representatives after the meeting and hopefully  
13 we can get some clarity on that for you.

14 Continuing on with the schedule, we expect to  
15 complete the pre-filing process and submit a certificate  
16 application for the FERC in February of 2014. We hope that  
17 FERC will issue a draft environmental impact statement in  
18 July of 2014 which will include the comments received in  
19 these public scoping meetings and throughout the scoping  
20 period. We will ask FERC to approve the AIM Project by  
21 January of 2015.

22 This will allow us to begin construction in the second  
23 quarter of 2015, essentially the spring of 2015 and  
24 construction will be scheduled over a two year period in  
25 order to manage outages on the system.

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1                   We anticipate placing the AIM Project fully into  
2 service by November 1, 2016. Now a little bit about the  
3 scope. As the AIM Project is moved forward we have revised  
4 facilities to align with the needs of our customers. At  
5 this time for the overall AIM Project, we are proposing to  
6 construct approximately 21.7 miles of various segments of  
7 mainline primarily by the removal, replacement or looping of  
8 existing lines, including 1.2 miles of new pipeline to be  
9 installed beneath the Hudson River. Construct approximately  
10 15.3 miles of lateral, either by removal, replacement,  
11 looping or expansion that includes 4.8 miles of new 16 and  
12 24 inch pipeline lateral, and that is the piece that is  
13 proposed in this area.

14                   Adding six new compressor units, for a total of  
15 72,240 additional horsepower in five existing compressor  
16 stations, construct three new meter stations and modify  
17 existing meter stations. In an effort to minimize impacts,  
18 many of the facilities are located within existing  
19 right-of-way or at existing facilities.

20                   Currently the entire proposed route, there are  
21 440 directly impacted landowners, 928 abutting landowners  
22 and 351 landowners within a half of a mile of existing  
23 compressor stations. Now more specifically the work that we  
24 have planned in this area is to construct 4.8 miles of 16  
25 and 24 inch diameter lateral pipeline in Westwood, Dedham  
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1 and West Roxbury, Massachusetts. Add compression and make  
2 modifications to the Burrillville Compression Station which  
3 is located in Burrillville, Rhode Island.

4 Construct a new meter station in West Roxbury,  
5 Massachusetts and construct a new meter station in Assonet,  
6 Massachusetts. We will also make modifications to existing  
7 meter stations in Massachusetts.

8 In closing, we wish to thank landowners, public  
9 officials, regulatory agencies and other interested parties  
10 who have offered their guidance and input as we develop the  
11 AIM Project. We are certain that the information we  
12 received throughout the pre-filing process will help us  
13 design, construct and operate an efficient and  
14 environmentally responsible expansion of the Algonquin  
15 system. Thank you very much, thank you Doug.

16 MR.SIPE: Thank you Jim, thank you and I  
17 apologize for the heat, I'm about ready to take the tie off  
18 it is pretty hot in here. Again Algonquin will be here  
19 after the formal part of this meeting concludes with their  
20 maps if you guys have any questions for them I want to  
21 reiterate that. Now we are going to be beginning the  
22 important part of the meeting when we hear from you, whether  
23 it is comments or questions, again we will try to answer  
24 your questions when you have them.

25 We are going to use the speaker's list first,  
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1       it's an extensive list, I have two speakers, okay. That  
2       doesn't meant that that's the end of it, after the two  
3       speakers go here if you guys have questions or concerns or  
4       whatever it may be, you can come up to the mic. If you come  
5       up to the mic several times, please every time that you come  
6       up to the mic, and when you come up the first time, state  
7       your name for the record and spell it into the record, okay,  
8       it's pretty crucial.

9                Again, we mentioned this earlier but in the NOI  
10       there are multiple ways that you can comment. One, here  
11       tonight and orally fashioned or you can send in comments,  
12       you can write comments on a comment sheet out there and give  
13       it to us, you can send them in, you can e-file them in, all  
14       comments are treated equally, okay.

15       You probably noted that these guys sitting over here, one is  
16       our audio man, we appreciate him here for being here all  
17       week, it helps us for you guys to hear and this meeting is  
18       being, this is by transcription service so this meeting will  
19       be transcribed and put into the record. You guys will have  
20       the availability of that in about ten days so everything,  
21       this goes into the record, that's why it is important when  
22       we take your comments or concerns that you come up to the  
23       mic and speak into the mic okay. I could take questions  
24       here because this room is kind of small, you know from the  
25       audience, but to make it for the record, we need you guys to

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1 speak at the mic, okay?

2 So are you ready. The first speaker we have here  
3 tonight is George, I'm going to try just, go ahead and say  
4 it, I don't want to butcher it all right.

5 MR. PROVIDAKES: George Providakes, West Roxbury.  
6 I have two questions that I would like to get resolved. One  
7 is and I brought this up in the previous meetings here, one  
8 is detailed schedule when is that going to show up as to  
9 when things are going to happen and in my case, near my home  
10 in West Roxbury. That still seems to be an open issue as to  
11 when that is actually going to happen. In other words, what  
12 month, what week, what year, things are going to start  
13 happening in my neighborhood. I would imagine others would  
14 like the same kind of detail for their own planning.

15 The other one, which is probably of a little more  
16 concern to me is and I brought this up as well is, I have  
17 seen the map out there for the plan and it is basically a  
18 few dots with a red line connecting them which really  
19 doesn't give you a whole of the sense of where exactly the  
20 work is going to happen. I do know that there has been  
21 surveys ongoing and that, when I was here last time, the  
22 expectation was the surveys would be completed and that I  
23 would see at this meeting, at least the best sense of where  
24 that line is going to go, because obviously if it runs over  
25 my sidewalk or on the property, or close to it, it's a lot

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1 more of a concern to me than if it is further over,  
2 especially if they have to do any blasting because of the  
3 lack of soil and the straight into rock in neighborhoods  
4 around here.

5 So those are the two concerns I have as when am I  
6 actually going to get a more detailed plan as to where  
7 things are going and when things are going to happen. It  
8 makes it hard to respond without that information.

9 MR. SIPE: When you heard from the Company  
10 tonight, they gave you somewhat of a schedule, the way that  
11 works is this is a pre-filing process, okay, the Company is  
12 proposing to us and the other agencies at this time. That  
13 doesn't mean that that schedule, we as FERC and the other  
14 agencies we are working with have to do our analysis before  
15 that schedule can go anywhere, okay.

16 Again, we are just staff, right and I'm going to  
17 speak on behalf of FERC here, we prepare our analysis and  
18 put it in front of our Commissioners to vote on this  
19 project, all right. The Company at some point now or a  
20 couple weeks from now, or a couple of months from now, could  
21 give you a proposed schedule of what they are hoping for,  
22 but really it comes down to what the Commission votes in  
23 this project. Again, when they file their application they  
24 are going to ask for that date, they are going to ask for  
25 when the Commission votes, but as FERC staff, we can give  
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1       you guys all the dates, like we can give you, hey this is  
2       when our draft EIS is going to come out, this is when our  
3       final EIS is going to come out, the only thing we can't do  
4       is tell you when the Commission is going to vote on it,  
5       okay.

6                   The schedule I understand is crucial especially  
7       for any landowner or stakeholder that may be affected by  
8       this so the Company heard that tonight so hopefully they get  
9       you some sort of schedule that maybe can help you out, okay.  
10      Did that help you out?

11                   MR. PROVIDAKES:   When would I get the schedule?  
12      This information was expected at this meeting.  I understand  
13      the survey will be completed within the next week or two so  
14      presumably at least where it is going to go should be  
15      resolved some time by the end of October, early November so  
16      hopefully we can get a better insight of that before next  
17      Spring, and I just want to get a sense of when that might  
18      be.  I have already brought this up and I think you were  
19      going to go check on that.

20                   MR. SIPE:   The Company will check on that and  
21      hopefully they will give it to you and if they don't you can  
22      give us a call and we will try to help you out on that side.  
23      Okay.  Again working with agencies in this, like we had a  
24      meeting today with the Siting Board and we had meetings  
25      yesterday, actually all week and the biggest thing, one of  
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1 the biggest things we discuss is alternatives, so there are  
2 alternatives being looked at for this proposal along with  
3 the others. Next speaker is Joe Goode. Did I hammer that  
4 one?

5 MR. GOODE. Goode. G-O-O-D-E, Goode.

6 MR. SIPE: Oh, it looks like a V I'm sorry.

7 MR. GOODE. Okay I read a bunch of brochures and  
8 some things from other meetings and my main concern is this  
9 is kind of a long project, it is going to conclude some time  
10 in 2016, et cetera and I'm wondering what the area in West  
11 Roxbury is going to look like during this construction. I  
12 mean it's coming down Washington Street, it's going up Grove  
13 Street, I have a concern about that. I know we are going to  
14 be digging into Washington Street and Grove Street and  
15 putting pipes in place.

16 I know that City Hall has a plan after it's all  
17 paved over to dig it up again and put some water pipes in  
18 and after that is done somebody is going to dig it up and  
19 repave, okay Washington Street because people have  
20 complained about that, so there is going to be a lot of  
21 stuff going on so I have a concern about that. I'm just  
22 thinking of equipment piles of dirt, et cetera and it is  
23 difficult getting around the Washington Street area because  
24 it's busy so it's kind of a concern. What are we going to  
25 be living with for two or three years et cetera.

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1                   The other thing that I have a concern about is  
2 safety. I don't know what the safety record is of Spectra  
3 or whoever is actually going to be doing this work. I don't  
4 know if they are doing it themselves or they are going to  
5 have other contractors. I am assuming that Dig Safe in  
6 Boston would become part of your team, I don't know if that  
7 is the plan or not, but I have a concern about that and  
8 especially when I see a pipeline of 16 or 24 inches going  
9 down Grove Street and it is going to be finalized right at  
10 West Rock Creek crushed stone. As we know with dynamite  
11 about two or three times a day. I don't know how good that  
12 is, but it doesn't sound that good to me and I'm sure the  
13 neighbors would need some more, I did speak to a gentleman  
14 who said that they design these things for stress. The last  
15 thing that I want to see is stress on a 24 inch gas main  
16 pipe, et cetera.

17                   Another thing would be the, I'm not sure, the  
18 pump stations and the meter stations. I understand that  
19 they are big et cetera et cetera, are they going to be  
20 facing somebody's property, are they going to be hidden in  
21 the woods, are they going to be out in the open. Are they  
22 manned, are they not manned, are they noisy? When some of  
23 these generators go off do they rumble all over the place?  
24 What can one expect.

25                   I also, had an awful lot of other questions, I  
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1 won't go into those right now, those are just some of the  
2 issues and the other thing is I understand the customer is  
3 National Grid, now do they direct you or what's their  
4 involvement, I mean because we all work with National Grid,  
5 it's a local company. Do they have input and if so, what is  
6 that input, et cetera et cetera, because they are the ones  
7 that send the bills to our house et cetera and speaking of  
8 bills, I understand the prices are going down because we are  
9 getting more gas in. Anybody know how much we could expect  
10 our bills to go down?

11 I'm certainly interested, thank you, that's all I have.

12 MR. SIPE: Okay thank you sir. Okay one, the  
13 construction definitely that is a concern that will be one  
14 thing we cover in the EIS, what construction is going to  
15 look like in all areas of the Project, especially in this  
16 area. Typically, I'm not speaking to Algonquin in general  
17 but typically construction in these types of areas is pretty  
18 slow, they could only go a couple lines a day because of the  
19 all of the utilities because of all of the traffic, because  
20 with everything happening, but that is one of the jobs of  
21 the Company and that is something we will be asking them to  
22 work with everyone that is going to be affected by this  
23 pipeline and keep them up to schedule with what is going to  
24 happen, okay.

25 Mr. GOODE: Can I come up one more time

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1                   MR. SIPE: Come on up, because I'm addressing  
2 your stuff.

3                   MR. GOODE: I forgot one thing.

4                   MR. SIPE: That's okay.

5                   MR. GOODE: Kind of an important one. In West  
6 Roxbury we already the Transcript and the Bulletin, I really  
7 didn't see, I read it all the time, I just didn't see  
8 anything about this project in the Bulletin or the  
9 Transcript. It would be of enormous help to everybody in  
10 this room and everybody in West Roxbury et cetera if a  
11 reporter could be invited from the Transcript and the  
12 Bulletin because they are great at getting the information  
13 out that would be super.

14                   MR. SIPE: I'm being told she was here tonight

15                   MR. GOODE: Oh she was?

16                   MR. SIPE: Yeah I mean this Company in general.

17                   MR. GOODE: Maybe she missed this.

18                   MR. SIPE: Right. Yeah this Company in general  
19 has a pretty good record for outreach and they are going to  
20 hear that and they are going to get that to me.

21                   MR. GOODE: Thank you very much.

22                   MR. SIPE: Safety. You asked about safety. We  
23 do work with the Department of Transportation PHMSA,  
24 Pipeline Hazardous Materials and Safety Administration, they  
25 are the ones that these guys have to build the pipeline in  
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1       accordance with their regulations, okay, and PHMSA has  
2       regulations for building all kinds of pipes, not just  
3       interstate pipelines, it's local distribution companies,  
4       it's any pipeline being built, now you know in certain areas  
5       they will build with it with different types of pipe,  
6       different classes of pipes, class one through class four  
7       okay, but we will talk about safety in our EIS we will have  
8       PHMSA look at that safety section, but PHMSA is the one  
9       responsible for the safety in construction operation at  
10      facility okay.

11                 One thing that we definitely did see in, all of  
12      our site reviews in the area, just to let you guys know  
13      that. We did look at this on the ground and we did look at  
14      it from the air, not this section from the air, this section  
15      from the ground, okay, there is a lot of rock, there is a  
16      lot of rock in the area, and that is one thing that we will  
17      be asking the company to give us a pretty detailed plan on  
18      if they need to use blasting, and how they are going to go  
19      it okay and there will be a blasting plan associated with  
20      that that you guys can review in the EIS all right and make  
21      comments on.

22                 Above ground facilities, I'm going to let Maggie  
23      talk to you about above ground facilities.

24                 MS. SUTER: All right, so you had I think two  
25      parts to your question about the above ground facilities.

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1 One was about the visual and one was about the noise  
2 associated with those facilities so from the visual aspect,  
3 yes, in with our resource report eight, what will be  
4 considered land use in the environmental documents that we  
5 prepare, visual resources or visual esthetics is an aspect  
6 that does get covered so we do look at whether the meter  
7 stations or the compressor stations, and in this case the  
8 compressor stations that are being modified for this Project  
9 are all existing compressor stations that will be expanded  
10 upon, but in either case we will still consider the  
11 esthetics or visual impacts of those facilities.

12 We will look at how close residents are to those  
13 facilities and whether any visual screening is needed or how  
14 they face or things like that, so that information will be  
15 provided in the resource reports that will be available on  
16 the public record for comment and then we will put  
17 information on our analysis of that information into the  
18 Environmental Impact Statement that goes out for public  
19 comment so that is one area.

20 Similarly, with respect to the noise, we look at  
21 noise impact from meter stations and from compressor  
22 stations and we look at that within, for meter stations, it  
23 is within half a mile of the meter station and for  
24 compressor stations we could out much further because the  
25 noise can extend for much further and much larger  
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1 facilities, does that answer your question. We don't have  
2 the answer of what the noise level will be just yet, but we  
3 will analyze that as Spectra prepares the information and  
4 submits it to us and we analyze what those impacts are and  
5 we present that for your review.

6 MR. GOODE: I was just, based on your experience,  
7 how many decibels would come from a compressor station or a  
8 meter station?

9 MS. SUTER: So for a compressor station

10 MR. GOODE: I mean if you had one at the West  
11 Rock Creek crushed stone, what could one, expect.

12 MS. SUTER: There is no compression station that  
13 they propose with the Massachusetts portions of this  
14 Project, so there wouldn't be one up here.

15 MR. GOODE: Oh, that's a good thing. How about  
16 the meter station, I know that there is one planned.

17 MS. SUTER: There is so many varying levels for  
18 the meter station that I actually can't give you an answer  
19 right now but we will present on a scale for you that is  
20 understandable of what the level that is proposed, what that  
21 is equivalent to as to an everyday equivalent, for example,  
22 once we have the information I would be able to say this is  
23 equivalent to your refrigerator running or this is  
24 equivalent to your lawn mower or this is equivalent to an  
25 air conditioning unit. We put that in the document at a  
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1 level that you have something to compare it to.

2 MR. GOODE: Is that a steady sound or is it just  
3 when they are testing or measuring in the meter station or  
4 is it something that goes constantly, twenty-four

5 MS. SUTER: It tends to be a steady sound.

6 MR. GOODE: It's a steady sound, okay.

7 MR. SIPE: Hopefully there is no sound.

8 MR. GOODE: Me too.

9 MR. SIPE: The last part of your question was the  
10 National Grid. National Grid is a local distribution  
11 company in the area which FERC does not have jurisdiction  
12 over. We regulate the interstate facilities associated with  
13 natural gas and we don't regulate production, gathering or  
14 local distribution so if you have any questions for National  
15 Grid I believe they are here tonight, all right, there is a  
16 gentleman sitting in the back, he can maybe tell you what  
17 your gas prices are going to look like.

18 MR. GOODE: I was just going to say do they have  
19 an expectation of what we can expect.

20 MR. SIPE: Right. Okay, well that's the last  
21 speaker we have. Do you guys have any questions? More to  
22 say, we don't have any more information to give you at this  
23 point. We will have a lot of information to give you the  
24 next time we go around, because the next time we will hold  
25 comment meetings, they are similar to this, but the Company

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1       won't be present out there with the maps and the Company  
2       won't be giving the presentation, it will be really meetings  
3       to have for you guys to come and comment on the EIS that we  
4       produced off of the information that the Company has given  
5       us. So anything else, any questions? Sir, you can, but you  
6       have to come to the mic though.

7               MS. SLAMIN: They blast all of the time so it  
8       shakes all of West Broad Street, is it going to shake the  
9       station?

10              MR. SIPE: Yeah I get... so what's your name?

11              MS. SLAMIN: Jill. I'm Jill Slamin.

12              MR. SIPE: Did you get that, how do you spell  
13       that?

14              MS. SLAMIN: Jack and Jill, Jill.

15              MR. SIPE: No, how do you spell your last name?

16              MS. SLAMIN: Slamin, S-L-A-M-I-N. So is that  
17       rupture going to do anything to that station that is going  
18       to be there?

19              MR. SIPE: So her question is for the record, the  
20       blast, people blast all of the time the area.

21              MS. SLAMIN: It shakes the whole area.

22              MR. SIPE: It shakes the whole area is that going  
23       to happen if they need to use blasting for this Project.

24              MS. SLAMIN: Is it going to affect this station  
25       detrimentally.

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1                   MR. SIPE: Okay, the question is, is it going to  
2 affect the meter station. See you are making this hard on  
3 me you could have just come and said that right. We, again,  
4 the Company will let us know where they are going to blast  
5 and they will have a blasting plan, okay, and just because  
6 you asked that tonight, they will have to address that.

7                   MS. SLAMIN: I think you better come when they  
8 blast to see that everything is fine. What I'm trying to  
9 say is there are quarry blasts all the time and it shakes  
10 and so we are wondering if their blasting is going to affect  
11 the meter station once it is in place, that's the question.

12                   MR. SIPE: Oh, so the quarry ok. We will, the  
13 Company will have to research that okay.

14                   MS. SLAMIN: Okay, because it really shakes, the  
15 whole area.

16                   MR. SIPE: Okay, again, I don't know if we  
17 mentioned this, we are in this project, we are at the  
18 pre-filing we follow it, from where they file the  
19 application up to where the Commission votes on it and then  
20 we can actually do construction inspections for the live of  
21 you know, during construction activity, we follow it through  
22 the restoration okay and if there is any comment or concern  
23 after the fact, once the pipe is in the ground, then you can  
24 call FERC and we will get the Company to address it. So  
25 it's not like we just come here and go away.

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1                   MR. GOODE: So um, the Westgate Rock Creek  
2                   Crushed Stone, over the years they have had complaints that  
3                   the blasts are too big and it cracked somebody's glass  
4                   drawer, this that and the other thing, um, and people have  
5                   kind of lived with that. Am I to understand that as they  
6                   have to cut the, you had mentioned there is a lot of rock  
7                   and stone around that where the pipe is going to be, there  
8                   is going to be some blasting required as well so that will  
9                   be additional blasting in the area?

10                  MR. SIPE: I mean that's up to the Company. They  
11                  are the ones that construct this pipeline.

12                  MR. GOODE: Like I said it's kind of a mystery,  
13                  I understand, but when you say the Company, you mean

14                  MR. SIPE: Algonquin.

15                  MR. GOODE: Algonquin.

16                  MR. SIPE: Algonquin is responsible for the  
17                  construction of this pipeline, okay.

18                  MR. GOODE: Do you guys, but if there is blasting  
19                  here and there is blasting there, I mean it's just going to  
20                  double the amount of blasting in West Rock Creek so I just  
21                  want to get that on the record because it is kind of an  
22                  important one to the folks that live there and when they  
23                  blast you can hear it, underneath the ground, it's just  
24                  going for two miles or whatever, ok thank you.

25                  MR. SIPE: Okay, that's the end of the speaker's  
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1 list, without any more speakers the formal part of this  
2 meeting will conclude on behalf of Federal Energy Regulatory  
3 Commission. I would like to thank you all for coming  
4 tonight. Let the record show that the AIM Project Scoping  
5 Meeting in Dedham, Massachusetts concluded at 8:05 p.m.,  
6 thank you.

7 (Whereupon at 8:05 p.m., the scoping meeting  
8 adjourned.)

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