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Please consider my comments on Algonquin Pipeline Relocation-25012- Bourne Prject:

Some environmental groups propose to limit the proposed expansion of the natural gas lines as part of the bridge replacement project. This proposal neglects the need for more natural gas as the year round population of the Cape grows. During the January storm, power lines went down and many people were without power. They had cold homes! Those of us who are more prepared has standby generators powered by natural gas. We has virtually no problems as we had natural gas for heat and the generators supplied the needed electrical power.

What many do not understand is that electrical power on poles is inherently not dependable 24/365. Underground distribution power lines are not possible to be expanded as needed if more electrification takes place. The already installed gas lines are much more reliable. In addition, the cost to expand these electric lines is prohibited. Eversource proposes to spend ONE BILLION per year for the next ten years if electrification takes place. Imagine what the costs would be if the distribution lines were to be underground?
Algonquin proposes to increase the capacity of the lines providing gas to the Cape. This makes sense, the same way that restricting pipelines leading to Massachusetts has caused the importation of LNG at a much higher cost than pipeline gas. We see this in our electrical rates.

For those who claim that CO2 emissions will be reduced, neglect to realize that electrification only changes where the combustion products are emitted, not the total emitted. In addition, they do not consider the environmental costs to create the increased electric generation that they propose.

When you have any hearings, please notify me in advance so that I can prepare testimony in advance.

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