Public Comment

Algonquin Pipeline Relocation-25012-Bourne

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I am writing to the Commission today as a long time resident of Cape Cod. At a recent Sierra Club meeting it has come to my attention that the design if the under-construction natural gas pipeline is not consistent with the stated wishes of Cape Codders. Instead of a replacement of equal flow capacity, it is an expansion. I assume the commission is already fully aware of this. Replacing two ten inch diameter pipelines with one 18" diameter pipeline increases the cross-sectional area by 62%. An expansion of this size funded through taxpayer bridge relocation funds runs in opposition to the Regional Policy Plan's goals of mitigating climate change and contributing as a region to the Commonwealth's greenhouse gas reduction goals.

As a Harwich resident, I find it unfortunate and unacceptable that the Commonwealth is ready and willing and ready proceed with the expansion in spite of stated and planned energy future goals of

the residents of the environment of this peninsula. Given the sensitive nature of the ecology of the Cape, I urge the commission to continue being assertive and insistent in its vocal and organized opposition to the expansion. Furthermore, I request that the commission only allow the relocated pipeline to have the same capacity as the previous two pipelines combined which would be closer to 14 inches than 18 inches.

Thank you for your continued attention to this matter.

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