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Cape Cod Commission
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Re: Algonquin Pipeline Relocation 25012 Bourne

Dear Sirs/Madams:

I write in support of the present proposal to replace the pipelines currently delivering gas to Cape Cod via the Sagamore Bridge with a single pipeline 20 inches in diameter.

Some argue that such a pipeline would not be a replacement for the two existing pipelines because it would be able to carry more natural gas than the two existing pipelines. In the present circumstances, the theoretical ability to carry more gas should not be considered as a detriment. Since there is no more natural gas available at this time, or will be available in the immediate future, to pump through the new pipeline, the fact that this pipeline might carry more gas at some future time should not be considered.

On the other hand, building a pipeline which might meet future needs is beneficial. Those opposing the proposed 20 inch pipeline, do so because they are opposed to any potential increased use of fossil fuels under Massachusetts' present net zero policy. But this net zero policy is likely to be changed in the future because of its extreme costs. The best available estimate of the net zero policy costs for building the required wind, and solar generators with the battery backup, and required enhanced grid is $405.1 billion - $51,914 for every man, woman and child now residing in this State. Given this cost, the net zero policy is likely to be abandoned. Natural gas heating is far less carbon intensive than oil, which is what many of the residents on Cape Cod currently use.

Therefore, it makes sense to allow the proposed 20 inch diameter pipeline to be built so that in the event at some future date more natural gas becomes available for the pipeline, and it is decided by the appropriate regulatory bodies that it would be beneficial for Cape Cod to have more natural gas available, the pipeline to carry this additional gas will be there. In the meantime, the pipeline will not be used to its potential because there is no additional natural gas available. Thus, the proposed pipeline will not result in a current increase in the use of gas, and current policy will not be violated. Being prepared for a potential policy change is simply good government.

Sincerely,

Leslie Trager

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