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**RE: Weymouth**  
Transmittal No.: X266786  
Application No.: SE-15-027  
Class: SM-25  
FMF No.: 571926  
**AIR QUALITY PLAN APPROVAL**

Dear Mr. Wooden:

The Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (“MassDEP”), Bureau of Air and Waste, has reviewed your Non-Major Comprehensive Plan Application (“Application”) dated October 2015 with revisions dated May 25, 2018 and a revised Sound Impact Assessment Report dated October 15, 2018. This Application concerns the proposed construction of a new natural gas compressor station (“Project”) located at 50 Bridge Street in Weymouth, Massachusetts. The revised Application bears the seal and signature of Lynne Santos, Massachusetts Registered Professional Engineer Number 47225. Department Form BWP AQ Sound bears the seal and signature of Dale Raczynski, Massachusetts Registered Professional Engineer Number 36207.

This Application was submitted in accordance with 310 CMR 7.02 Plan Approval and Emission Limitations as contained in 310 CMR 7.00 “Air Pollution Control” regulations adopted by MassDEP pursuant to the authority granted by Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 111, Sections 142A-142N, Chapter 21C, Sections 4 and 6, and Chapter 21E, Section 6. MassDEP’s review of your Application has been limited to air pollution control regulation compliance and does not relieve you of the obligation to comply with any other regulatory and statutory requirements.

In response to a public petition, accompanied by over one hundred (100) signatures, the Proposed Plan Approval was subject to a 30-day public comment period. A significant number of comments were received and are addressed in the accompanying Response to Comments (“RTC”) document.<sup>1</sup> As a result of the comments received, this Plan Approval has been modified from the initial Proposed Plan Approval, as discussed in the RTC.

MassDEP received an updated Application on May 25, 2018. The Application revisions are reflected in this Plan Approval and include: 1) revised turbine startup, shutdown, and transient event emissions, which are based on updated guidance from the turbine manufacturer; 2) revised emissions modeling, which is based on updated background monitor data and meteorological data; 3) updated gas quality data, based on the Facility owner/operator, Algonquin Gas Transmission, LLC’s (“Permittee” or “Algonquin”) review of

<sup>1</sup> <https://www.mass.gov/service-details/algonquin-natural-gas-compressor-station-weymouth>

gas analyses system-wide; and 4) updated venting emissions, which is based on the Permittee’s operating experience with this model turbine compressor at other locations.

A supplemental Sound Impact Assessment Report, with a cover letter dated October 16, 2018, presented revised sound impacts and proposed additional sound mitigation measures, which have been incorporated into this Plan Approval.

Additionally, at the direction of Governor Charles Baker, the Massachusetts Department of Public Health (“DPH”) hired a contractor to conduct a Health Impact Assessment (“HIA”), which was finalized on January 4, 2019.<sup>2</sup> The HIA analyzed: 1) the current health status of the local community; 2) current background air quality near the proposed project site; 3) the potential health effects of the proposed compressor station on residents of surrounding neighborhoods and municipalities and; 4) possible actions to protect and promote community health in the area. In issuing this Plan Approval, MassDEP has considered the results of the HIA and recommendations contained therein. The changes made as a result of the HIA include: 1) restrictions designed to mitigate noise and dust associated with construction of the Project; 2) enhanced blowdown notification; 3) enhanced leak detection requirements; and 4) requirement for submitting a decommissioning plan.

MassDEP has determined that the Application is administratively and technically complete and that the Application is in conformance with the Air Pollution Control regulations and current air pollution control engineering practice, and hereby grants this Plan Approval for said Application, as submitted, subject to the conditions listed below.

Please review the entire Plan Approval, as it stipulates the conditions with which the Permittee must comply in order for the Facility to be operated in compliance with this Plan Approval.

## **1. DESCRIPTION OF FACILITY AND APPLICATION**

### **A. PROJECT DESCRIPTION**

Algonquin has proposed the installation and operation of a new natural gas compressor station (“Project”). This Project will support the capacity upgrades and expansion of Algonquin’s natural gas transmission pipeline system, which runs from Mahwah, New Jersey to Beverly, Massachusetts for further transportation and deliveries on the Maritimes & Northeast Pipeline, LLC system. Collectively, this is referred to as the Atlantic Bridge Project. On January 25, 2017, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (“FERC”) approved the Atlantic Bridge Project, which includes siting of this Compressor Station.<sup>3</sup>

### **B. FACILITY and EQUIPMENT DESCRIPTION**

The Facility consists of the proposed Project, which will be located at an existing site that includes an existing gas metering and regulation (“M&R”) station. The Facility is on a 15.9± acre site bounded by Route 3A (Bridge St.), Calpine Fore River Energy Center, and the Fore River.

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<sup>2</sup> <http://foreriverhia.com/documents/>

<sup>3</sup> [“Order Issuing Certificate and Authorizing Abandonment.” FERC docket No. CP16-9-000](#)

The proposed Project consists of one natural gas compressor driven by one (1) Solar Taurus 60-7802 natural gas fired stationary combustion turbine. The turbine will fire pipeline natural gas as the exclusive fuel. The turbine will have a nominal heat input rating of 61.29 million British thermal units per hour (“MMBtu/hr”), lower heating value (“LHV”); and a nominal power output of 7,700 horsepower (“hp”), which is approximately 5.74 megawatts (“MW”).<sup>4</sup> The turbine will have a maximum energy input rating of 74.91 MMBtu/hr, higher heating value (“HHV”); a maximum fuel rate of 73,444 standard cubic feet (“scf”) per hour; and a maximum power output of 8,664 hp, which is approximately 6.46 MW.<sup>5</sup>

Exhaust gases from the proposed turbine will be emitted through a stack with an equivalent inside diameter of approximately 9 feet, which provides a nominal exit velocity of 28 feet per second at a nominal temperature of 999 °F. The top of the stack will be at least 60 feet above ground level.

The proposed turbine uses dry low NO<sub>x</sub> technology, operating under the brand name “SoLoNO<sub>x</sub>,” which will limit nitrogen oxide (“NO<sub>x</sub>”) emissions to 9 parts per million by volume, dry basis (“ppmv”) at 15 percent (%) oxygen (“O<sub>2</sub>”) while operating at ambient temperatures above 0 °F. The turbine will be equipped with an oxidation catalyst, which will reduce emissions of carbon monoxide (“CO”) and volatile organic compounds (“VOC”) by 95% and 50%, respectively.<sup>6</sup> Emissions will not exceed 1.25 ppmv at 15% O<sub>2</sub> for CO and 2.4 ppmv at 15% O<sub>2</sub> for VOCs. All emissions factors, which are provided by the manufacturer, have been established as Best Available Control Technology (BACT). All emission rates are guaranteed by the manufacturer during steady-state operation at 50% – 100% load for all ambient temperatures above 0 °F.

Annual and monthly emission limitations from the turbine are based on combined emissions from normal operations at an average annual ambient temperature of 46.65°F<sup>7</sup>, start-up/shutdown, low temperature operation occurring within a temperature range of -20°F and 0°F, and transient events<sup>8</sup>. At low ambient temperatures (i.e. below 0 °F), emissions of NO<sub>x</sub>, CO, and VOCs will increase. During periods of low temperature, the emissions will be based on the emission factors provided by the manufacturer, which are listed in Table 8B of the Plan Approval. Transient events will be limited to 25 hours per month and 50 hours per consecutive 12-month period. Transient event emissions will be based on the emission factors provided by the manufacturer, which are listed in Table 8C of the Plan Approval.

The turbine’s startup sequence takes approximately 9 minutes from the initial firing to steady-state operation. This includes 3 minutes of ignition-idle operation and 6 minutes of loading / thermal stabilization. During the startup sequence, it is assumed that the oxidation catalyst will not have reached its minimum effective operating temperature and as such, will not have measurable destruction efficiency. Shutdown of the turbine takes approximately 8.5 minutes for loading and thermal stabilization, during which the oxidation catalyst will be at the required temperature to achieve the specified control efficiencies for CO and VOCs. Startup and shutdown emissions, which are supplied by the manufacturer, are listed in Table 8D of this Plan Approval.

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<sup>4</sup> At ISO conditions.

<sup>5</sup> At -20 degrees Fahrenheit.

<sup>6</sup> VOC reduction is an overall efficiency based on a weighted average. Refer to Table B-1Aj of the [Air Plan Application](#).

<sup>7</sup> USEPA TANKS 4.09d program for Worcester, MA (worst case of Worcester, Boston, and Providence, RI).

<sup>8</sup> Transient events are periods of time when the turbine is operating outside of steady state or at less than 50% load, excluding startup, shutdown, or low temperature events.

As previously indicated, all emission rates are guaranteed by the manufacturer during steady-state operation at 50% – 100% load for all ambient temperatures above 0 °F. When the turbine is operating outside of those conditions (i.e., during transient, startup, shutdown, or low temperature events), the turbine monitoring system will indicate SoLoNO<sub>x</sub> is inactive.

The Project will include one new natural gas-fired 585 brake horsepower Waukesha model VGF24GL emergency spark ignition engine generator set. This engine will be subject to requirements of MassDEP's Industry Performance Standards for Emergency Engines and Emergency Turbines at 310 CMR 7.26(42). MassDEP Air Quality regulations at 310 CMR 7.26(42)(e) "Emission Certification, Monitoring and Testing," requires certification under the "Environmental Results Program" at 310 CMR 70.00. Certification shall include a statement from the supplier that the installed engine is capable of complying with the emission limitations for the first three years of operation. A one-time certification is required to be made to MassDEP within 60 days of commencement of operation of the engine.

Fugitive emissions occur at piping components such as pump seals, valves, pipe fittings, and the compressor. Emissions were calculated based on the methodology and emission factors contained in United State Environmental Protection Agency ("EPA") publication [EPA-453/R-95-017](#). Fugitive emissions from piping components will be minimized through the implementation of a Leak Detection and Repair ("LDAR") program. LDAR is a work practice designed to identify leaking equipment so that emissions can be reduced through repairs. Monitoring, at regular intervals, will identify leaking components so repairs can be made within the required timeframe. The LDAR program will use the monitoring and testing methodology that is no less stringent than the LDAR requirements in 40 CFR 60, Subpart OOOOa: Standards of Performance for Crude Oil and Natural Gas Facilities for which Construction, Modification, or Reconstruction Commenced after September 18, 2015. The Permittee will address the use of human senses, including audio, visual, and olfactory ("AVO") on a monthly basis to supplement the required LDAR program.

Additional gas releases associated with the compressor operation occur at the Facility. These routine and non-routine releases are from compressor start-up / shutdown and from maintenance activities.

1. Routine operations, including startup and shutdown of the compressor, result in emissions from the following activities:
  - Case venting related to shutdown of the compressor, except in the event of pressurized holds. When the compressor is taken offline, isolation valves on the inlet and outlet gas lines of the compressor are closed. The pressurized gas remaining in the compressor and associated piping is vented;
  - Gas seal leakage during normal operation and standby shutdown (i.e., compressor seal leakage). Depending on the operating mode of the compressor and the length of time the unit may be in standby mode, the compressor may remain under pressure. If the compressor is in standby mode for a sufficient length of time, compressor seal leakage will result in emissions;
  - Air purges related to startup of the compressor following a depressurization of the unit. Equipment is purged of air and the system is pressurized prior to startup; and
  - Other ancillary activities, including releases from gas-operated pneumatic equipment.
2. Maintenance activities, including startup and shutdown of the compressor, result in emissions from the following activities:
  - Station blowdowns for purposes of major maintenance;

- Case venting related to shutdown of the compressor for purposes of maintenance;
- Air purges related to startup of the compressor following a depressurization of the unit. Equipment is purged of air and the system is pressurized prior to startup;
- Liquid purges related to moving liquids through the pipeline liquids system; and
- Other ancillary activities, including fuel line venting and air purging for ancillary equipment, such as emergency generators, and fuel gas heaters, and valve seat leakage.

3. Pipeline blowdowns:

- Venting of the pipeline section for maintenance purposes.

Incoming gas will be cleaned and any residual moisture will be removed. This collected water will be stored in a condensate storage tank and periodically transported off site. The associated piping and equipment will be included in the aforementioned LDAR program.

Equipment Exempt from Plan Approval

The following ancillary equipment is exempt from this Plan Approval:

<b>Table 1</b>	
<b>Equipment Description</b>	<b>Basis for exemption</b>
Natural gas fired turbine fuel gas heater Heat input rating 0.23 MMBtu/hr	310 CMR 7.02(2)(b)15.a.
5 catalytic space heaters Heat input rating 0.072 MMBtu/hr each	310 CMR 7.02(2)(b)15.a.
Cold degreaser	310 CMR 7.02(2)(b)24. (specifically, 310 CMR 7.03(8), which requires operation in a manner consistent with 310 CMR 7.18(8))
Waukesha model VGF24GL emergency engine generator set	310 CMR 7.02(2)(b)29.b.
Separator vessels (4 units)	310 CMR 7.02(2)(b)11.
Condensate storage tank	310 CMR 7.02(2)(b)11.
Lubricating oil storage tank	310 CMR 7.02(2)(b)11.
Oily water storage tank	310 CMR 7.02(2)(b)11.
Hanover natural gas-fired heater <sup>1</sup> 9.5 MMBtu/hr	310 CMR 7.02(2)(b)15.a.
NATCO natural gas-fired heater <sup>1</sup> 6.8 MMBtu/hr	310 CMR 7.02(2)(b)15.a.
Lochinvar natural gas-fired boilers (3 units) <sup>1</sup> 1.8 MMBtu/hr, each	310 CMR 7.02(2)(b)15.a.

**Table 1 Notes:**

1. The Hanover gas-fired heater, the NATCO gas-fired heater, and the 3 Lochinvar gas-fired boilers are existing equipment associated with the metering and regulation station.

**Table 1 Key:**

CMR = Code of Massachusetts Regulations

MMBtu/hr = million British Thermal Units per hour

### Sound Impacts and Mitigation

Operation of the Facility will create several sources of sound, which will be mitigated as follows: 1) Insulated / acoustically treated building housing the turbine and compressor; 2) use of a sound suppressant muffler on the turbine exhaust; 3) acoustical pipe insulation for outdoor above ground piping; 4) a silencer for the turbine air intake system; 5) low-noise lube oil coolers; 6) a low-noise gas cooler; 7) a blowdown silencer; and 8) an acoustically treated enclosure housing the emergency engine.

MassDEP requires sound emissions suppression and prevention to prevent unnecessary sound emissions that may cause noise. In the context of Air Plan Approval, MassDEP reviews the sound emissions suppression and prevention aspects of the design, and the analysis of the predicted increase in ambient sound level and any predicted pure tones from Facility operation.

A sound analysis<sup>9</sup>, which was included with the Application as updated, evaluated sound impacts at 7 receptor locations near the Facility as follows:

- Receptor A / Location M1: King's Cove Property Line; represents sound levels at the closest property line immediately east of the Facility, approximately 90 feet east of the center of the compressor building. This location also represents existing sound levels along the walking path that goes through the public park located in the Fore River Basin south of the MWRA pumping Station within the King's Cove conservation area.
- Receptor B / Location M2: Bridge Street; represents sound levels at the nearest residences to the southeast of the Facility, approximately 840 feet from the center of the compressor building.
- Receptor C / Location M3: Monatiquot Street; represents sound levels at the nearest residences to the south of the Facility, approximately 1,300 feet from the center of the compressor building. This location is just within the Fore River Energy Center fence line near the intersection of Monatiquot Street and Bluff Road.
- Receptor D / Location M4: King's Cove Beach Road; represents sound levels at the nearest residences to the east of the Facility along King's Cove Beach Road, approximately 1,530 feet from the center of the compressor building.
- Receptor E / Location M5: City of Quincy Park; represents sound levels at the nearest residences to the west of the Facility in Quincy along Washington Street, located approximately 2,850 feet from the center of the compressor building.
- Receptor F / Location M6: O'Brien Towers; represents sound levels at the nearest group of residences to the north of the Facility. The location is in Quincy on the south lawn of the O'Brien Towers south of Bicknell Street, located approximately 1,740 feet from the center of the compressor building.

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<sup>9</sup> Epsilon Associates, Inc. *Sound Level Impact Assessment Report, Weymouth Compressor Station, Atlantic Bridge Project, Weymouth, Massachusetts*, dated October 15, 2018.

- Receptor G: Germantown; represents sound levels at the nearest group of residences to the north of the Facility in the Germantown neighborhood of Quincy. The location is located approximately 1,420 feet from the center of the compressor building.

MassDEP’s review has found that the sound impacts attributable to the Facility are mitigated to the maximum extent practical. The sound impact analysis indicates that the Facility’s sound impact above ambient background will be as follows:

<b>Table 2</b>					
Identified Receptor	Distance & Direction of Receptor	Measured Ambient Nighttime L90 [dB(A)]	Modeled Sound Level of Facility [dB(A)]	Modeled Facility Level + Lowest Ambient Level [dB(A)]	Increase above Lowest Ambient Level [dB(A)]
A	90 feet (east)	40	47	47	7
B	840 feet (southeast)	36	44	46	8
C	1,300 feet (south)	45	40	46	1
D	1,530 feet (east)	37	31	38	1
E	2,850 feet (west)	34	35	37	3
F	1,740 feet (north)	41	38	43	2
G	1,420 feet (north)	41	38	43	2

**Table 2 Notes:**

1. Receptor A is the closest Facility property line shared with the King’s Cove Parcel. Though the increase above the nighttime L90 is modeled to be 7 dB(A), the King’s Cove Parcel is not occupied at night. The increase above the daytime L90 is modeled to be 5 dB(A).
2. Background sound level at receptor G is estimated to be equal to the level at receptor F due to their proximity to one another.

**Table 2 Key:**

dB(A) = decibels, A weighted

L90 = sound level, 90<sup>th</sup> percentile

In addition to evaluating the predicted increase in broadband ambient sound level attributed to the Facility equipment, relative to pre-Facility ambient, MassDEP also evaluated whether operation of the Facility would cause a “pure tone” condition, defined as any octave band center frequency sound pressure level exceeding the two adjacent center frequency sound pressure levels by 3 decibels or more. A review of the sound analysis and associated supplemental forms submitted with the Application indicate operation of the Facility will not create a pure tone condition.

A post-construction compliance demonstration for sound impacts is required herein.

C. EMISSIONS MODELING

An air dispersion modeling analysis<sup>10</sup> was conducted to demonstrate that the Facility’s ambient air impacts, combined with the pre-existing background levels, will not cause or contribute to a violation of the National Ambient Air Quality Standards (“NAAQS”). The primary standards are health based standards established under the United States Clean Air Act (“CAA”) that are designed to preserve public health and protect sensitive subpopulations, which include people with diseases (e.g. asthma, cardiovascular disease), children, and the elderly with an adequate margin of safety. The Secondary standards provide public welfare protection, including protection against decreased visibility and damage to animals, crops, vegetation, and buildings

EPA has established Significant Impact Levels (“SILs”), which are numerical values that are used to evaluate the impact that a proposed source may have on the NAAQS. The SIL is the level of ambient impact below which EPA considers a source to have an insignificant impact on air quality. The SILs are a small fraction of the NAAQS and ambient impacts below the SIL are commonly referred to as “de minimis.” If the modeling shows that: 1) the predicted impact of a pollutant is less than the SIL; and 2) the difference between the background ambient air concentration and the NAAQS for that pollutant is greater than the SIL, the predicted impact of that pollutant is deemed insignificant. In these circumstances, MassDEP follows EPA Guidance and concludes that the emissions of that pollutant do not cause or contribute to a violation of the NAAQS without requiring cumulative impact modeling.

<b>Table 3</b>				
<b>Comparison of Maximum Predicted Impacts with Significant Impact Levels</b>				
<b>Pollutant</b>	<b>Averaging Period</b>	<b>Max Impact (µg/m<sup>3</sup>)</b>	<b>SIL (µg/m<sup>3</sup>)</b>	<b>Below SIL</b>
<b>NO<sub>2</sub></b>	1-Hour	<b>14.4</b>	7.5	<b>no</b>
	Annual	<b>2.0</b>	1	<b>no</b>
<b>SO<sub>2</sub></b>	1-Hour	6.5	7.8	yes
	3-Hour	6.3	25	yes
	24-Hour	<b>5.5</b>	5	<b>no</b>
	Annual	0.8	1	yes
<b>PM<sub>10</sub></b>	24-Hour	2.6	5	yes
<b>PM<sub>2.5</sub></b>	24-Hour	<b>2.3</b>	1.2	<b>no</b>
	Annual	<b>0.35</b>	0.3	<b>no</b>
<b>CO</b>	1-Hour	122.8	2,000	yes
	8-Hour	101.0	500	yes

**Table 3 Key:**

CO = Carbon Monoxide  
 NO<sub>2</sub> = Nitrogen Dioxide

SO<sub>2</sub> = Sulfur Dioxide  
 SIL = significant impact level

<sup>10</sup> Trinity Consultants, [Updated Air Dispersion Modeling Report, Algonquin Gas Transmission, LLC., Weymouth Compressor Station](#), revised May 2018.



PM<sub>10</sub> = Particulate Matter ≤ 10 microns in diameter      μg/m<sup>3</sup> = micrograms per cubic meter  
 PM<sub>2.5</sub> = Particulate Matter ≤ 2.5 microns in diameter

Since the predicted impacts of SO<sub>2</sub> (1-hour, 3-hour, and annual averaging periods), PM<sub>10</sub>, and CO are below the SIL, no additional modeling was performed. The predicted impacts of NO<sub>2</sub>, PM<sub>2.5</sub>, and SO<sub>2</sub> (24-hour averaging period) exceed the SIL, so a cumulative impact analysis was performed for these pollutants.

In evaluating cumulative impacts with respect to the NAAQS, maximum modeled impacts were added to representative ambient background concentrations and compared to the applicable NAAQS. The Permittee used background data obtained from MassDEP’s existing monitoring station on Harrison Avenue and Von Hillern Street, both in Boston. The background data, when added to the modeled impacts found that the maximum impacts from emissions from the proposed facility will be below the NAAQS, as indicated below:

<b>Table 4</b>						
<b>Comparison of Predicted Impact Concentrations with NAAQS</b>						
<b>Pollutant</b>	<b>Averaging Period</b>	<b>Algonquin Compressor Station Impact (μg/m<sup>3</sup>)<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>Measured Background (μg/m<sup>3</sup>)<sup>2</sup></b>	<b>Background plus Compressor Station Total Impact (μg/m<sup>3</sup>)</b>	<b>NAAQS (μg/m<sup>3</sup>)</b>	<b>Background plus Compressor Station % of NAAQS</b>
<b>NO<sub>2</sub></b>	1-Hour	81.41	94.63	176.04	188	93.6%
	Annual	8.52	32.88	41.40	100	41.4%
<b>SO<sub>2</sub></b>	24-Hour	18.41	13.4	31.81	365	8.7%
	24-Hour	7.13	15.3	22.43	35	64.1%
<b>PM<sub>2.5</sub></b>	Annual	1.47	6.5	7.97	12	66.4%

**Table 4 Notes:**

1. Represents the cumulative impact of Facility and regional sources.
2. Massachusetts 2016 Air Quality Report (<https://www.mass.gov/lists/massdep-air-monitoring-plans-reports-studies#massachusetts-annual-air-quality-reports->)

**Table 4 Key:**

NAAQS = National Ambient Air Quality Standards      PM = Particulate Matter  
 NO<sub>2</sub> = Nitrogen Dioxide      PM<sub>2.5</sub> = Particulate Matter ≤ 2.5 microns in diameter  
 SO<sub>2</sub> = Sulfur Dioxide      % = percent  
 μg/m<sup>3</sup> = micrograms per cubic meter

The air dispersion modeling analysis also included an evaluation of the Facility’s impacts relative to MassDEP’s 24-hour Threshold Effects Exposure Limits (“TELS”) and annual Allowable Ambient Limits (“AALs”) Guideline values for air toxics. The AALs and TELs were evaluated from Facility-wide sources at both 50% and 100% turbine load.

Non-Threshold Effects Exposure Limits (“NTELS”) are based on known or suspected carcinogenic health effects. The NTEL is a concentration associated with a one in a million excess lifetime cancer risk over a

lifetime of continuous exposure; and TELs are based on non-cancer health effects. The TEL is a concentration intended to protect the general population, including sensitive populations such as children, from adverse health effects over a lifetime of continuous exposure. TELs take into account that people may be exposed to a chemical from other sources, including indoor air, food, soil and water.

MassDEP compares the NTEL and the TEL and designates the lower concentration as the AAL. Since, in general, NTEs are lower than TELs, most AALs are based on the NTEL, or risk of excess cancer. For chemicals that do not pose cancer risks, the AAL is based on the TEL, and in this case the published AAL and TEL values are the same.

AALs and TELs represent screening-level guidelines that indicate the maximum ambient air concentration of a toxic pollutant that may be contributed by a single source or facility. Therefore, the modeling does not take into account background or other unrelated sources.

<b>Table 5</b>						
<b>Pollutant</b>	<b>TEL (24-hour)</b>			<b>AAL (annual)</b>		
	<b>TEL Limit (<math>\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3</math>)</b>	<b>Modeled concentration (<math>\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3</math>)</b>	<b>percent of limit<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>AAL Limit (<math>\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3</math>)</b>	<b>Modeled concentration (<math>\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3</math>)</b>	<b>percent of limit<sup>1</sup></b>
Acetaldehyde	30	6.01E-02	0.2	0.40	8.04E-03	2.0
Acrolein	0.07	3.71E-02	53.0	0.07	4.94E-03	7.1
Benzene	0.6	2.17E-01	36.2	0.1	4.27E-02	42.7
1,3 Butadiene	1.20	1.93E-03	0.2	0.003	2.60E-04	8.7
Carbon tetrachloride	85.52	2.60E-04	0.0	0.07	4.00E-05	0.1
Chlorobenzene	93.88	2.20E-04	0.0	6.26	3.00E-05	0.0
Chloroform	132.76	2.10E-04	0.0	0.04	3.00E-05	0.1
Dichloromethane	100.00	1.40E-04	0.0	60.00	2.00E-05	0.0
Diphenyl	0.34	1.53E-03	0.5	0.09	2.00E-04	0.2
Ethylbenzene	300	7.87E-01	0.0	300	1.55E-02	0.0
Formaldehyde	2.00	3.86E-01	19.3	0.08	5.56E-02	69.5
Methanol	7.13	1.80E-02	0.3	7.13	2.39E-03	0.0
2-Methylnaphthalene	14.25	2.40E-04	0.0	14.25	3.00E-05	0.0
Naphthalene	14.25	2.91E-03	0.0	14.25	2.40E-04	0.0
Phenol	52.33	1.70E-04	0.0	52.33	2.00E-05	0.0
Propylene oxide	6.00	6.37E-02	1.1	0.30	6.43E-03	2.1
Styrene	200	1.70E-04	0.0	2	2.00E-05	0.0
1,1,2,2 Tetrachloroethane	18.67	3.10E-04	0.0	0.02	4.00E-05	0.2
Toluene	80	5.60E-01	0.7	20	1.11E-01	0.6
1,1,2 Trichloroethane	14.84	2.30E-04	0.0	0.06	3.00E-05	0.1
Vinyl chloride	3.47	1.10E-04	0.0	0.38	1.00E-05	0.0
xylene	11.8	7.86E-01	6.7	11.8	1.54E-01	1.3



## E. GLOBAL WARMING SOLUTIONS ACT

Section 7 of chapter 298 of the acts of 2008, the Global Warming Solutions Act states “In considering and issuing permits, licenses and other administrative approvals and decisions, the respective agency, department, board, commission or authority shall also consider reasonably foreseeable climate change impacts, including additional greenhouse gas emissions, and effects, such as predicted sea level rise.” Although, under EEA policy, a GHG analysis is performed at MEPA for only those projects that are large enough to qualify for MEPA review and agencies are then directed to include findings pursuant to Section 7 of the GWSA, incorporated into Section 61 of MEPA, MassDEP conducted additional analysis of all aspects of the Facility to address reasonably foreseeable climate change impacts.

MassDEP evaluated additional greenhouse gas emissions in its consideration of reasonably foreseeable climate change. The evaluation of additional greenhouse gas emissions included a review of power source and found that the turbine was the most effective means of providing power for the compressor. A gas-fired Solar Taurus 60-7802 turbine equipped with lean pre-mix technology would ensure that emissions of CO<sub>2</sub>, a greenhouse gas, are minimized.

Natural gas contains methane, which is a greenhouse gas. This Plan Approval includes a requirement for a Leak Detection and Repair program, which will ensure that natural gas emissions from piping leaks are identified and repaired in a timely manner.

Additionally, the Facility is subject to the New Source Performance Standards at 40 CFR Part 60, Subpart OOOOa “Standards of Performance for Crude Oil and Natural Gas Facilities for which Construction, Modification or Reconstruction Commenced After September 18, 2015.” This subpart, which is administered by EPA, includes design and operation standards for the purpose of minimizing greenhouse gas emissions.

The Facility is at an elevation of 19 feet above sea level which will help ensure the Facility is not adversely impacted by the effects of sea level rise.

## F. ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE

On January 30, 2017, the Massachusetts Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs (EEA) adopted an updated Environmental Justice Policy (“EJ Policy”) that requires MassDEP to make environmental justice an integral consideration in the implementation and enforcement of laws, regulations, and policies. The enhanced public participation / enhanced analysis requirements of the EJ Policy apply when the project / project site meet both thresholds:

- (1) Any project that exceeds an Environmental Notification Form (“ENF”) / Environmental Impact Report (“EIR”) threshold for air, solid and hazardous waste (other than remediation projects), or wastewater and sewage sludge treatment and disposal at 301 CMR 11.00; **and**
- (2) The project site is located within one mile of an EJ Population (or in the case of projects exceeding an ENF / EIR threshold for air, within five miles of an EJ Population).

The EEA Geographic Information System includes environmental justice areas divided by block groups based on the 2010 US Census data. Based on environmental justice mapping completed by EEA, the Facility is within 5 miles of a number of environmental justice communities in the Towns of Weymouth, Braintree, Quincy, Randolph, and the City of Boston.



<b>Table 8A</b>			
<b>Standard Operating Conditions</b>			
<b>EU</b>	<b>Operational / Production Limit</b>	<b>Air Contaminant</b>	<b>Emission Limit<sup>1, 2, 3</sup></b>
1	1. 54.64 MMscf natural gas per month	NOx	9 ppmvd at 15% O <sub>2</sub> 0.94 tpm 10.03 tpy
	2. 592.23 MMscf natural gas per consecutive 12-month period		
	3. Natural gas shall be the exclusive fuel of use		
	4. Minimum temperature at inlet of catalyst bed ≥ 880°F (hourly average basis) 5. Minimum pressure drop across the catalyst bed ≥ 2.83 in. W.C. (hourly average basis)	CO	1.25 ppmvd at 15% O <sub>2</sub> 2.18 tpm 17.28 tpy
		VOC	2.4 ppmvd @ 15% O <sub>2</sub> 0.30 tpm 2.64 tpy
		HAP (single)	0.05 tpm 0.42 tpy
		HAP (total)	0.1 tpm 0.80 tpy
	6. None	SO <sub>2</sub>	14.29 lb/MMscf (HHV) 0.37 tpm 4.23 tpy
	7. None	PM	0.0066 lb/MMBtu (HHV) 0.18 tpm 1.99 tpy
		PM <sub>10</sub>	
PM <sub>2.5</sub>			
8. None	Opacity	Less than 5%, except 5% to less than 10% for up to 2 minutes during any one hour	
2	9. Monthly emissions established in accordance with equation 1	VOC	3.19 tpm 3.54 tpy
		HAP (single)	0.05 tpm 0.06 tpy
	10. Annual emissions established in accordance with equation 2	HAP (total)	0.10 tpm 0.11 tpy

Equation 1:

$$m_{\text{Pollutant}_{\text{month}}} = Q_{\text{Gas}_{\text{month}}} \rho_{\text{Gas}_{\text{monthly average}}} \text{wt}\%_{\text{Pollutant}_{\text{monthly average}}}$$

Equation 2:

$$m_{Pollutant_{consecutive\ 12-month\ period}} = \sum_{month=1}^{consecutive\ 12-month\ period} m_{Pollutant_{month}}$$

$m$  = mass of pollutant, in pounds       $wf\%$  = weight percent of pollutant in natural gas  
 $Q$  = quantity of natural gas in standard cubic feet       $\rho$  = density of natural gas in pound per standard cubic feet

<b>Table 8B</b>			
<b>Low Temperature Operation <sup>4</sup></b>			
<b>EU</b>	<b>Air Contaminant</b>	<b>Emission Limit</b>	
		<b>0°F ≥ Temp ≥ -20°F</b>	<b>Temp ≤ -20°F</b>
1	NOx	11.36 lb/hr	32.46 lb/hr
	CO	0.82 lb/hr	1.24 lb/hr
	VOC	0.52 lb/hr	0.77 lb/hr
	PM/ PM <sub>10</sub> / PM <sub>2.5</sub>	0.49 lb/hr	0.49 lb/hr
	SO <sub>2</sub>	1.05 lb/hr	1.05 lb/hr

<b>Table 8C</b>			
<b>Transient Events <sup>5,8</sup></b>			
<b>EU</b>	<b>Operational / Production Limit</b>	<b>Air Contaminant</b>	<b>Emission Limit</b>
1	1. Operations during transient events (operation with SoLoNOx inactive, not including startup, shutdown, or low temperature events), not to exceed 25 hours per month and 50 hours in any consecutive 12-month period	NOx	32.46 lb/hr
		CO	1.24 lb/hr
		VOC	0.77 lb/hr

<b>Table 8D</b>				
<b>Startup / Shutdown Emissions <sup>6</sup></b>				
<b>EU</b>	<b>Operational / Production Limit</b>	<b>Air Contaminant</b>	<b>Startup</b>	<b>Shutdown <sup>6</sup></b>
1	1. Operation during startups (from first combustion of fuel to when SoLoNOx is active, but not to exceed 30 minutes)	NOx	0.80 lb/event	0.93 lb/event
	2. Operation during shutdowns (from when SoLoNOx is inactive to flame out, but not to exceed 30 minutes)			
	3. Operation during startups (from first combustion of fuel to when the temperature at the inlet to the catalyst bed reaches at least 880 °F, but not to exceed 30 minutes)	CO	77.24 lb/event	4.23 lb/event
	4. Operation during shutdowns (from initial lowering of	VOC	5.40 lb/event	2.62 lb/event



<b>Table 8D Startup / Shutdown Emissions <sup>6</sup></b>				
<b>EU</b>	<b>Operational / Production Limit</b>	<b>Air Contaminant</b>	<b>Startup</b>	<b>Shutdown <sup>6</sup></b>
	turbine fuel combustion rate with the intent to cease operation to flame out, but not to exceed 30 minutes)			

**Table 8A, 8B, 8C, and 8D Key:**

CMR = Code of Massachusetts Regulations	NO <sub>x</sub> = Nitrogen Oxides
CO = Carbon Monoxide	O <sub>2</sub> = oxygen
EU = Emission Unit Number	PM = Particulate Matter
°F = degrees Fahrenheit	PM <sub>2.5</sub> = Particulate Matter ≤ 2.5 microns in diameter
HAP (single) = maximum single Hazardous Air Pollutant	PM <sub>10</sub> = Particulate Matter ≤ 10 microns in diameter
HAP (total) = total Hazardous Air Pollutants	ppmvd = parts per million by volume, dry basis
HHV = higher heating value	Scf = standard cubic feet
in WC= inches water column	SO <sub>2</sub> = Sulfur Dioxide
lb = pounds	Temp = temperature
lb/event = pounds per event	TPM = tons per month
lb/hr = pounds per hour	TPY = tons per consecutive 12-month period
lb/MMBtu = lbs per million British Thermal Units	VOC = Volatile Organic Compounds
lb/MWh = pounds per megawatt hour	≥ greater than or equal to
LDAR = Leak detection and repair	≤ less than or equal to
MMBtu million British Thermal Units	
MMscf = million standard cubic feet	

**Table 8A, 8B, 8C, and 8D Notes:**

1. Monthly turbine emission limits are combined emissions based on normal operation at an average annual ambient temperature of 46.65°F, start-up/shutdown, low temperature operation during a temperature range of -20°F to 0°F, and transient events.
2. Annual turbine emissions are combined emissions based on normal operation at an average annual ambient temperature of 46.65°F, start-up/shutdown, low temperature operation during a temperature range of -20°F to 0°F, and transient events.
3. Compliance with the emission limits based on the applicable EPA reference test method.
4. Turbine emissions associated with low temperature operation are to be included when determining monthly and annual emissions.
5. Turbine emissions associated with transient events are to be included when determining monthly and annual emissions.

6. Emissions associated with startups and shutdowns are to be included when determining monthly and annual emissions.
7. The shutdown emission limits for VOC and CO are based on the oxidation catalyst being operational.
8. Transient events are periods of operation when the turbine is operating outside of steady state or when operating at less than 50% load, excluding startup and shutdown events.

**B. COMPLIANCE DEMONSTRATION**

The Permittee is subject to, and shall comply with, the monitoring, testing, record keeping, and reporting requirements as contained in Tables 9, 10, and 11:

<b>Table 9</b>	
<b>EU</b>	<b>Monitoring and Testing Requirements</b>
1	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The Permittee shall continuously monitor the turbine inlet temperature at all times that the turbine is operated.</li> <li>2. The Permittee shall continuously monitor the quantity of natural gas combusted in the turbine.</li> <li>3. The Permittee shall continuously monitor:               <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. the temperature at the inlet of the oxidation catalyst bed,</li> <li>b. the pressure drop across the oxidation catalyst bed.</li> </ol> </li> <li>4. The Permittee shall monitor the number of startups and shutdowns of the turbine and the duration of each event.</li> <li>5. The Permittee shall monitor the number of transient events and the duration of each event, as indicated by SoLoNOx inactive status, not including startup, shutdown, and low temperature events, which are monitored separately.</li> <li>6. Within 60 days of achieving maximum production rate, but no later than 180 days of startup, the Permittee shall conduct initial compliance testing for the emission unit. The testing shall be conducted on a date mutually agreed upon with MassDEP. Testing shall be conducted for NOx, CO, VOC, and PM<sub>2.5</sub> to determine the compliance status with the ppmvd, lb/MMBtu and lb/hr for standard operating conditions as listed in Table 8A.                 The performance test shall be done at any load condition within plus or minus 25 percent of 100 percent of peak load. The Permittee may perform testing at the highest achievable load point, if at least 75 percent of peak load cannot be achieved in practice. The Permittee shall conduct subsequent testing every two (2) years from the date of the initial compliance test.                 During the initial compliance test, the Permittee shall conduct testing for benzene and formaldehyde to ensure the emissions do not exceed the emission rates contained in the application.</li> <li>7. In order to demonstrate compliance with the applicable fuel sulfur requirement, the Permittee shall utilize a current, valid purchase contract, tariff sheet or transportation contract for natural gas that shall specify the maximum total sulfur content of the natural gas used at the Facility.</li> </ol>

<b>Table 9</b>	
<b>EU</b>	<b>Monitoring and Testing Requirements</b>
2	8. The Permittee shall monitor the date, time, duration, and quantity of gas released for each gas release event.
3	9. The Permittee shall monitor the piping components in accordance with the LDAR program on a quarterly basis. Refer to Special Terms and Conditions, Table 12 Provisions 4 through 6.
Facility-wide	10. The Permittee shall monitor all operations to ensure sufficient information is available to comply with 310 CMR 7.12 Source Registration.
	11. If and when MassDEP requires it, the Permittee shall conduct emission testing in accordance with EPA Reference Test Methods and Regulation 310 CMR 7.13.
	12. The Permittee shall conduct sound impact testing to demonstrate that the Facility does not cause any sound impacts in excess of Table 2, column 5 of this Plan Approval. This testing may be conducted concurrently with FERC’s required sound impact testing. The sound impact testing shall be conducted within 90 days of the of the Project commencing commercial operation or in a timeframe as required by FERC, whichever comes later.  In three years, but no more than 39 months after the date of the initial sound impact testing, the Permittee shall conduct additional sound impact testing at the Facility.

**Table 9 Key:**

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| CMR = Code of Massachusetts Regulations                         | PM = Total Particulate Matter                                    |
| CO = Carbon Monoxide  | PM <sub>10</sub> = Particulate Matter ≤ 10 microns in diameter   |
| EU = Emission Unit Number                                       | PM <sub>2.5</sub> = Particulate Matter ≤ 2.5 microns in diameter |
| FERC = Federal Energy Regulatory Commission                     | ppmvd = parts per million by volume, dry basis                   |
| lb/hr = pounds per hour   | VOC = Volatile Organic Compounds                                 |
| lb/MMBtu = pounds per million British Thermal Units             | EPA = United States Environmental Protection Agency.             |
| MassDEP = Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection. | ≤ = less than or equal to  |
| NO <sub>x</sub> = Nitrogen Oxides                               |  |

<b>Table 10</b>	
<b>EU</b>	<b>Record Keeping Requirements</b>
1.	1. The Permittee shall maintain average hourly records of the turbine inlet temperature at all times that the turbine is operated. The record shall indicate the actual ambient temperature for each hour the turbine is in operation. On days when the temperature never drops below 0 °F, the record may indicate the average daily temperature.
	2. The Permittee shall maintain records of the daily, monthly, and annual gas flow to the turbine.

**Table 10**

<b>Table 10</b>	
<b>EU</b>	<b>Record Keeping Requirements</b>
	<p>3. The Permittee shall maintain records of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. the hourly average inlet temperature of the oxidation catalyst bed,</li> <li>b. the hourly average pressure drop across the oxidation catalyst bed.</li> </ul>
	<p>4. The Permittee shall maintain records of each transient event, the duration of each event, and associated emissions, separate from startup, shutdown, and low temperature events.</p>
	<p>5. The Permittee shall maintain records of each startup, shutdown, the duration of each event, and associated emissions.</p>
	<p>6. The Permittee shall maintain records of the status of SoLoNOx mode at all times that the unit is in operation.</p>
	<p>7. The Permittee shall maintain records of the date, time, duration and quantity of natural gas emitted for each gas release event.</p>
2.	<p>8. The Permittee shall maintain the following records:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. the date of each LDAR inspection,</li> <li>b. the date of each AVO inspection,</li> <li>c. components monitored,</li> <li>d. leaks identified,</li> <li>e. date of each repair,</li> <li>f. date of re-monitoring to validate repairs,</li> <li>g. an up to date Delay of Repair list, including the basis for being on the list,</li> <li>h. any additional items to document compliance with the LDAR program.</li> </ul>
3.	<p>9. The Permittee shall maintain adequate records to demonstrate compliance status with all operational, production, and emission limits contained in Table 8A, above. Records shall also include the actual emissions of air contaminants emitted for each calendar month and for each consecutive 12-month period (current month plus prior eleven months). These records shall be compiled no later than the 15<sup>th</sup> day of the month following each month. An electronic version of the MassDEP approved record keeping form, in Microsoft Excel format, can be downloaded at <a href="http://www.mass.gov/eea/agencies/massdep/air/approvals/limited-emissions-record-keeping-and-reporting.html#WorkbookforReportingOn-SiteRecordKeeping">http://www.mass.gov/eea/agencies/massdep/air/approvals/limited-emissions-record-keeping-and-reporting.html#WorkbookforReportingOn-SiteRecordKeeping</a>. The Permittee may propose an alternative record keeping spreadsheet for approval by MassDEP.</p>
Facility-wide	<p>10. The Permittee shall maintain records of monitoring and testing as required by Table 9.</p>
	<p>11. The Permittee shall maintain a copy of this Plan Approval, underlying Application and updates and the most up-to-date SOMP for the EU(s) and PCDs approved herein.</p>
Facility-wide	<p>12. The Permittee shall maintain a record of routine maintenance activities performed on the approved EU(s), PCD(s) and monitoring equipment. The records shall include, at a minimum, the type or a description of the maintenance performed and the date and time the work was completed.</p>

<b>Table 10</b>	
<b>EU</b>	<b>Record Keeping Requirements</b>
	13. The Permittee shall maintain a record of all malfunctions affecting air contaminant emission rates on the approved EUs, approved PCDs and monitoring equipment. At a minimum, the records shall include: date and time the malfunction occurred; description of the malfunction; corrective actions taken; the date and time corrective actions were initiated and completed; and the date and time emission rates and monitoring equipment returned to compliant operation.
	14. The Permittee shall maintain records to ensure sufficient information is available to comply with 310 CMR 7.12 Source Registration.
	15. The Permittee shall maintain records required by this Plan Approval on-site for a minimum of five (5) years.
	16. The Permittee shall make records required by this Plan Approval available to MassDEP and USEPA personnel upon request.
	17. All records required herein shall be maintained on-site. Alternatively, electronic records may be maintained at a remote location, provided the records are readily available upon request.

**Table 10 Key:**

CMR = Code of Massachusetts Regulations  
 EU = Emission Unit  
 °F = degrees Fahrenheit  
 LDAR = Leak Detection and Repair  
 MassDEP = Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection.

PCD = Pollution Control Device  
 SOMP = Standard Operating and Maintenance Procedure  
 EPA = United States Environmental Protection Agency

<b>Table 11</b>	
<b>EU</b>	<b>Reporting Requirements</b>
Facility-wide	1. The Permittee shall notify MassDEP upon commencement of construction, upon initial startup, and upon commencement of commercial operation of the equipment approved herein. Each notification shall be made within 30 days of the respective milestone.
Facility-wide	2. The Permittee shall notify MassDEP prior to any scheduled maintenance events expected to result in a blowdown with volume expected to be greater than 10,000 scf. The notification shall include the date(s), anticipated time(s), and expected duration of the blowdown(s). The notification shall identify the estimated quantity of emissions from the blowdown, steps taken to minimize emissions, and steps taken to minimize any potential nuisance impacts. This notification shall be provided to MassDEP no later than 48 hours prior to the event. The Permittee shall provide the Town of Weymouth, City of Quincy, Town of Braintree, and Town of Hingham a copy of this notification.
	3. The Permittee shall notify MassDEP of any unplanned releases with a volume greater than 10,000 scf within 2 business days of said event.

<b>Table 11</b>	
<b>EU</b>	<b>Reporting Requirements</b>
	4. The Permittee shall submit to MassDEP all information required by this Plan Approval over the signature of a “Responsible Official” as defined in 310 CMR 7.00 and shall include the Certification statement as provided in 310 CMR 7.01(2)(c).
	5. The Permittee shall notify the Southeast Regional Office of MassDEP, BAW Air Permit Chief by telephone: 508-946-2824, email: Sero.Air@mass.gov, or fax : (508) 946-2865, as soon as possible, but no later than three (3) business day after discovery of any exceedance of Table 8A, 8B, or 8C requirements. A written report shall be submitted to the Air Permit Chief at MassDEP within ten (10) business days of the notification and shall include: identification of exceedance, duration of exceedance, reason for the exceedance, corrective actions taken, and action plan to prevent future exceedance.
	6. The Permittee shall report to MassDEP, in accordance with 310 CMR 7.12, all information as required by the Source Registration/Emission Statement Form. The Permittee shall note therein any minor changes (under 310 CMR 7.02(2)(e), 7.03, 7.26, etc.), which did not require Plan Approval.
	7. The Permittee shall submit to MassDEP for approval, a pretest protocol at least 30 days prior to testing for any sound impact or emissions testing required in this Plan Approval.
	8. The Permittee shall submit to MassDEP, a final test results report, within 45 days after testing, for all sound impact or emissions testing required in this Plan Approval.

**Table 11 Key:**

EU = Emission Unit

MassDEP = Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection.

CMR = Code of Massachusetts Regulations

scf = standard cubic feet

**4. SPECIAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS**

A. The Permittee is subject to, and shall comply with, the Special Terms and Conditions as contained in Table 12 below:

<b>Table 12</b>	
<b>EU</b>	<b>Special Terms and Conditions</b>
1	1. The oxidation catalyst shall not be by-passed at any time. 2. The oxidation catalyst shall be operated and maintained in accordance with the manufacturer’s recommendations. A copy of the manufacturer’s recommended standard operating and maintenance procedures shall be submitted to MassDEP within 30 days of commencement of commercial operation.

**Table 12**

EU	Special Terms and Conditions
	3. The turbine and associated compressor shall be operated and maintained in accordance with the manufacturer’s recommendations.
3.	4. Prior to initial startup, the Permittee shall submit a Leak Detection and Repair (LDAR) program for MassDEP review and approval. The LDAR program is in addition to any specific LDAR criteria established in this Plan Approval and at a minimum shall include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. a system to identify every component that requires monitoring,</li> <li>b. leak definition, which includes, but is not limited to, any audible, visual, or olfactory (“AVO”) standards. This is in addition to the standards defined in this Plan Approval,</li> <li>c. monitoring requirements and frequency,</li> <li>d. repair requirements, which shall include standards for initial repair, final repair, and any standards to place an item on a Delay of Repair list,</li> <li>e. employee training,</li> <li>f. recordkeeping.</li> <li>g. Monthly AVO inspection.</li> </ul> <p>Except as specifically required herein, the LDAR program shall be consistent with and no less stringent than the leak detection and repair requirements contained in 40 CFR 60 subpart OOOOa. Any changes to the LDAR program shall be submitted to MassDEP prior to implementation.</p> 5. For piping components in natural gas service, a leak shall be emissions in excess of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. For valves and connectors: any detected concentration 500 ppmv, or greater</li> <li>b. For optical gas imaging: any detected emissions.</li> </ul> 6. For piping components in pipeline liquids service, a leak shall be emissions in excess of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. For valves and connectors: any detected concentration 500 ppmv, or greater</li> <li>b. For pump seals: any detected concentration 10,000 ppmv, or greater</li> </ul>
Facility-wide	7. All scheduled maintenance at the Facility, with anticipated sound impacts, including, but not limited to servicing of the turbine, compressor, emergency engine and all associated activities such as case venting shall be conducted during daytime hours. The Permittee shall provide reasonable notification to the Town of Weymouth prior to the maintenance activities. The Permittee shall provide notice to the Town of Weymouth as soon as it becomes apparent that the scheduled maintenance cannot be completed during daytime hours.

**Table 12**

EU	Special Terms and Conditions
	<p>8. The Permittee shall take the steps necessary to mitigate dust from the initial construction of the Project. These steps shall include, but not be limited to:</p> <p>Unpaved areas and access roads</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Apply water when needed;</li> <li>b. Control track-out;</li> <li>c. Maintain appropriate low vehicle speeds (5 miles per hour) in unpaved areas;</li> <li>d. Route vehicles and equipment to covered surfaces (e.g., paved or graveled) when possible;</li> <li>e. Prevent motor vehicle use when unnecessary in unpaved areas; and</li> <li>f. Remove soil from the exteriors of vehicles and construction equipment prior to moving off of the right-of-way and other work sites.</li> </ol> <p>Soil excavation and handling</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>g. Load haul trucks such that the load is below the freeboard;</li> <li>h. Cover loads as necessary;</li> <li>i. Prevent spillage;</li> <li>j. Apply water when needed prior to disturbance and during disturbance to prevent dust generation;</li> <li>k. Maintain existing ground coverings (e.g., existing pavement) until disturbance is required for construction and stabilize exposed soil with gravel or other stabilizing material, if dust generation is observed that cannot be controlled with water; and</li> <li>l. Discontinue construction activities if generation of dust is observed until dust control is applied.</li> </ol> <p>9. The Permittee shall take the steps necessary to mitigate noise resulting from the initial construction activities. These steps shall include, but not be limited to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Construction activities that produce noise, which could create a nuisance condition, will be limited to the daytime hours of 7 am to 7 pm, Monday through Saturday.</li> <li>b. Construction equipment will be well maintained and vehicles with internal combustion engines equipped with mufflers will be routinely checked to ensure they are in good working order.</li> <li>c. Construction equipment and vehicles equipped with backup alarms will use quieter-type adjustable backup alarms, where permissible.</li> <li>d. Portable noise barriers and enclosures will be used when appropriate.</li> <li>e. A noise complaint hotline will be made available to address any noise-related issues.</li> </ol> <p>The Permittee shall provide notice to the Town of Weymouth and MassDEP upon the determination that an activity cannot reasonably be completed by 7 pm. The limitation on the hours of construction does not apply to commissioning activities, but the Permittee shall provide 48 hours advance notice to the Town of Weymouth and MassDEP prior to commencement of any commissioning activity that will occur outside the hours of 7 am to 7 pm.</p>
Facility-wide	<p>10. Upon closure of the Facility, the Permittee shall provide MassDEP and the Town of Weymouth copies of the decommissioning plans required by the Federal Energy Commission and the United States Department of Transportation. MassDEP reserves the right to use its own regulatory authority to ensure that all MassDEP requirements are appropriately addressed.</p>



**Table 12 Key:**

EU = Emission Unit  
 ppmv = parts per million by volume  
 ≤ = less than or equal to

LDAR = Leak Detection and Repair  
 % = percent

- B. The Permittee shall install and use an exhaust stack, as required in Table 13, on each of the Emission Units that is consistent with good air pollution control engineering practice and that discharges so as to not cause or contribute to a condition of air pollution. Each exhaust stack shall be configured to discharge the gases vertically and shall not be equipped with any part or device that restricts the vertical exhaust flow of the emitted gases, including, but not limited to, rain protection devices known as “shanty caps” and “egg beaters.”
- C. The Permittee shall install and utilize exhaust stacks with the parameters as contained in Table 13, for the Emission Units that are regulated by this Plan Approval:

<b>Table 13</b>				
<b>EU</b>	<b>Minimum Stack Height Above Ground (feet)</b>	<b>Nominal Stack Inside Exit Dimensions (feet)</b>	<b>Nominal Stack Gas Exit Velocity Range (feet per second)</b>	<b>Nominal Stack Gas Exit Temperature Range (°F)</b>
1	60	9 <sup>note 1</sup>	25 – 28	865 - 999
2	Various			
3	No stack			

**Table 13 Key:**

EU = Emission Unit

°F = Degree Fahrenheit

**Table 13 Notes:**

- 1. Equivalent diameter for rectangular stack

**5. GENERAL CONDITIONS**

The Permittee is subject to, and shall comply with, the following general conditions:

- A. Pursuant to 310 CMR 7.01, 7.02, 7.09 and 7.10, should any nuisance condition, including but not limited to smoke, dust, odor or noise, occur as the result of the operation of the Facility, then the Permittee shall immediately take appropriate steps including shutdown, if necessary, to abate said nuisance condition.
- B. If asbestos remediation/removal will occur as a result of the approved construction, reconstruction, or alteration of this Facility, the Permittee shall ensure that all removal/remediation of asbestos shall be done in accordance with 310 CMR 7.15 in its entirety and 310 CMR 4.00.

- C. If construction or demolition of an industrial, commercial or institutional building will occur as a result of the approved construction, reconstruction, or alteration of this Facility, the Permittee shall ensure that said construction or demolition shall be done in accordance with 310 CMR 7.09(2) and 310 CMR 4.00.
- D. Pursuant to 310 CMR 7.01(2)(b) and 7.02(7)(b), the Permittee shall allow MassDEP and / or EPA personnel access to the Facility, buildings, and all pertinent records for the purpose of making inspections and surveys, collecting samples, obtaining data, and reviewing records.
- E. This Plan Approval does not negate the responsibility of the Permittee to comply with any other applicable Federal, State, or local regulations now or in the future.
- F. Should there be any differences between the Application and this Plan Approval, the Plan Approval shall govern.
- G. Pursuant to 310 CMR 7.02(3)(k), MassDEP may revoke this Plan Approval if the construction work is not commenced within two years from the date of issuance of this Plan Approval, or if the construction work is suspended for one year or more.
- H. This Plan Approval may be suspended, modified, or revoked by MassDEP if MassDEP determines that any condition or part of this Plan Approval is being violated.
- I. This Plan Approval may be modified or amended when in the opinion of MassDEP such is necessary or appropriate to clarify the Plan Approval conditions or after consideration of a written request by the Permittee to amend the Plan Approval conditions.
- J. Pursuant to 310 CMR 7.01(3) and 7.02(3)(f), the Permittee shall comply with all conditions contained in this Plan Approval. Should there be any differences between provisions contained in the General Conditions and provisions contained elsewhere in the Plan Approval, the latter shall govern.

## **6. MASSACHUSETTS ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY ACT**

In a letter dated March 15, 2016 and in a follow-up letter dated May 31, 2016 to the Secretariat of the Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs (“EOEEA”), the Town of Weymouth requested an advisory opinion on the applicability of this proposed Project to review under the Massachusetts Environmental Policy Act (“MEPA”). The request for Advisory Opinion requested MEPA invoke the Fail-Safe provisions, requiring the proposed project go through the MEPA review process. Secondly, the request for Advisory Opinion indicated that the Project may have been improperly segmented from the proposed Access Northeast Project<sup>11</sup>. The request for Advisory Opinion was published in the June 8, 2016 Environmental Monitor for public review and comment, subject to a 20-day comment period.

In a letter dated July 11, 2016 to the Mayor of the Town of Weymouth, the Secretariat of the EOEEA concluded “that the project is not subject to MEPA review and the project does not meet the criteria for invoking Fail-Safe Review.” Additionally, a determination was made that the Atlantic Bridge Project and

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<sup>11</sup> On June 29, 2017 Algonquin withdrew the application for the Access Northeast Project from FERC.

the Access Northeast Project “are sufficiently distinct in purpose, design, and scope that they have independent utility and can be reviewed separately.”

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