

## PUBLIC NOTICE

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Public Notice is hereby issued, pursuant to M.G.L. Chapter 111, Sections 142A – 142N, the Massachusetts Air Pollution Control Regulations at 310 CMR 7.00, *Town of Weymouth v. Mass. Dep't of Env'tl. Prot.*, 961 F.3d 34 (1st Cir. 2020), *MassDEP Commissioner's Remand Order* (June 12, 2020) and *MassDEP Commissioner's Interlocutory Orders Adopting Presiding Officer's Determination and Proposed Remand* (June 24, 2020) that the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (MassDEP) is offering for public comment a revised Best Available Control Technology ("BACT") assessment and a proposed determination for a natural gas compressor station at 50 Bridge Street, Weymouth MA.

Applicant: Algonquin Gas Transmission, LLC., PO Box 1642, Houston, Texas 77251-1642

Location: 50 Bridge Street, Weymouth, MA

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.

On August 26, 2019, MassDEP approved an Air Quality Plan Approval for the proposed Project. In a decision dated June 3, 2020, the United States Court of Appeals For the First Circuit, vacated the Air Plan Approval and remanded it to MassDEP to supplement the BACT analysis by addressing the use of a compressor driven by an electric motor drive ("EMD").

The BACT addendum, submitted to MassDEP by Algonquin on July 24, 2020, evaluates the use of an EMD as BACT. Based on a review of the BACT addendum, MassDEP has determined that the use of an EMD does not represent BACT.

Pursuant to *MassDEP Commissioner's Remand Order* (June 12, 2020) and *MassDEP Commissioner's Interlocutory Orders Adopting Presiding Officer's Determination and Proposed Remand* (June 24, 2020), public comment is limited to issues in the BACT addendum, specifically:

1. Whether the use of an EMD represents BACT, and
2. Whether the use of an EMD redefines the source in the context of BACT

MassDEP's proposed determination and the addendum to the BACT analysis may be viewed online at:

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

Electronic copies of the proposed determination and the addendum to the BACT analysis are available electronically. To obtain an electronic copy of the proposed determination and addendum to the BACT analysis send an email request to Thomas Cushing at [thomas.cushing@mass.gov](mailto:thomas.cushing@mass.gov). Paper copies of the proposed determination and addendum to the BACT analysis may be requested from Thomas Cushing at [thomas.cushing@mass.gov](mailto:thomas.cushing@mass.gov).

Interested parties may submit written comments for a period of thirty (30) days by email to [weymouthcomments@mass.gov](mailto:weymouthcomments@mass.gov) or by US mail to MassDEP, Air Permit Section, 20 Riverside Drive, Lakeville, MA 02347. The deadline is September 8, 2020. Due to MassDEP's limited staffing in response

to the COVID-19 emergency, please use USPS only, no return receipt. Letters delivered by alternative carriers including UPS and Federal Express may cause delays.

MassDEP provides translation services to limited English proficient individuals free of charge. If you need/require a translation of these documents to participate in this public comment period, please contact Michelle Waters-Ekanem at 617-292-5751.