Public Comment

Algonquin Pipeline Relocation-25012-Bourne

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Dear Members of the Cape Cod Commission,

I am writing to express my support for the proposed Cape Cod Canal pipeline relocation project and to encourage the Commission to advance it through a rigorous, transparent, and timely review. Cape Cod needs reliable energy infrastructure, and this project offers an important opportunity to address existing infrastructure needs while supporting economic development and good jobs.

Major infrastructure projects create opportunities for skilled construction workers, including laborers, equipment operators, welders, and other building trades professionals. They also generate work for local contractors, suppliers, restaurants, service providers, and other businesses that benefit from construction investment. When projects include strong labor standards, prevailing wages where applicable, apprenticeship opportunities, and local workforce participation, those benefits can extend well beyond the construction site.

The proposed relocation is associated with the Cape Cod Bridges Program and provides an opportunity to coordinate essential infrastructure improvements efficiently. Coordinated construction can help reduce disruption, avoid duplicative work, and ensure that critical energy infrastructure is addressed as part of a broader regional investment. Delaying or rejecting the project could increase costs, complicate future construction, and leave existing infrastructure needs unresolved.

Reliable energy service is essential to Cape Cod residents, businesses, healthcare providers, public facilities, and the region’s year-round economy. A dependable energy system also supports economic resilience during severe weather, peak demand, and other emergencies. The Commission should therefore consider not only the project’s construction impacts but also the public costs and risks associated with postponing necessary infrastructure improvements.

I support rigorous environmental review, public transparency, and meaningful community protections. The project should be required to meet applicable environmental standards, protect wetlands and habitat, address construction impacts, provide appropriate restoration and mitigation, and include enforceable measures for public safety and community accountability. These safeguards are essential to responsible development and should be incorporated into the project’s approval and oversight.

At the same time, environmental review should lead to practical conditions that protect Cape Cod while allowing a necessary infrastructure project to move forward. The Commission should evaluate the project based on sound evidence, require proponents to address legitimate concerns, and avoid unnecessary delays when those concerns can be effectively mitigated.

Please consider the project’s potential to create good jobs, strengthen the regional economy, improve infrastructure coordination, and provide reliable energy service to Cape Cod residents and businesses. With appropriate safeguards and transparent oversight, the

pipeline relocation can advance both environmental responsibility and the region’s long-term public interest.

Respectfully Submitted,

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