

# TOWN OF HINGHAM

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April 19, 2017

Cheryl A. LaFleur, Acting Chairman  
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission  
888 First Street NE, Room 1A  
Washington, DC 20426

Secretary Matthew A. Beaton  
Executive Office of Energy and Environmental  
Affairs  
MEPA Office  
100 Cambridge Street, Suite 900  
Boston, MA 02114

Lisa Berry Engler, Boston Harbor Regional  
Coordinator  
Massachusetts Office of Coastal Zone  
Management  
251 Causeway Street, Suite 800  
Boston, MA 02114

Jason Burtner, CZM South Shore Regional  
Coordinator  
c/o Stellwagen Bank National Marine Sanctuary  
175 Edward Foster Road  
Scituate, MA 02066

Dear Ms. LaFleur, Mr. Beaton, Ms. Engler and Mr. Burtner:

The Town of Hingham has been monitoring the proposed compressor station in North Weymouth as well as the dialogue surrounding the project. The project site is less than two miles from Hingham, and as such we are very interested in limiting potential negative impacts that may result from this facility.

We feel strongly that before this project and any future expansion of the facility and related infrastructure is allowed to move forward more information is needed to guide any decision. This should include, but not be limited to studies on the potential impacts to local and regional tourism, economic development, the safety and welfare of the public (both from the facility as well as from potential catastrophic failures), and the transportation network. This has the potential to be a large, impactful project on the South Shore both as built, and, in the event of catastrophic failure. As such, we feel it must be thoroughly reviewed and vetted.

Sincerely,

Ted Alexiades  
Town Administrator

CC: Charles D. Baker, Governor  
Stephen Lynch, Congressman  
Elizabeth Warren, U.S. Senator  
Ed Markey, U.S. Senator  
Patrick O'Connor, State Senator  
James Murphy, State Representative  
Joan Meschino, State Representative  
Robert Hedlund, Mayor, Weymouth  
Thomas Koch, Mayor, Quincy



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Whereas, The Town of Hingham may have property within an estimated blast radius/fallout zone and as such, Hingham residents and property could be at risk

Whereas, The Town of Hingham's public safety departments would be strained due to direct and mutual aid responsibilities in the event of a catastrophic failure at the plant

Whereas, The Fore River Bridge carries approximately 35,000 vehicle trips per day which would be re-routed through the neighborhoods of Quincy, Weymouth and Hingham if the Bridge were damaged or closed, thereby adversely affecting the quality of life of Hingham residents

Whereas, Any disruption of the Route 3A corridor, including the Fore River Bridge, a vital state highway that connects the coastal south shore region to the economic center of Boston, would introduce the risk for significant negative economic impacts for the Town of Hingham



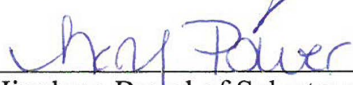
Whereas, The operation of the natural gas compressor station will not provide jobs or economic stimulus to the region as the station will be controlled remotely from Houston, Texas

Whereas, Sufficient data has not been presented to allow for a thorough understanding of the effects that the operations of a natural gas compressor station would have on a densely populated region, including noise, odor and air quality

Therefore, the Town of Hingham opposes this project as it is currently proposed.

Given on this day, the thirteenth of April 2017, at a duly posted public meeting of the Hingham Board of Selectmen



  
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