



August 5, 2024

Ms. Debbie-Anne Reese, Acting Secretary
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
888 First Street, NE
Washington, D.C. 20426

Re: *Algonquin Gas Transmission, LLC*
Sakonnet River Replacement Project, Docket No. CP24-49-000
Weekly Report #1

Dear Ms. Reese:

On January 30, 2024, Algonquin Gas Transmission, LLC (“Algonquin”) filed with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (“FERC” or “Commission”) a Prior Notice of Blanket Certificate Activity (“Prior Notice”), pursuant to Sections 157.205 and 157.208 of the Commission’s regulations,¹ for the Sakonnet River Replacement Project (“Project”). Algonquin was authorized to commence construction activities for the Project as of June 27, 2024. Algonquin commenced construction activities on July 30, 2024.

Pursuant to Algonquin’s commitment in the Prior Notice Filing to file a weekly Environmental Inspection report, Algonquin hereby submits its weekly report for the period from July 29, 2024 through August 4, 2024.

If you have any questions regarding this filing, please contact Gabriel Gonzalez, Specialist II, Rates and Certificates at (713) 627-4198 or the undersigned at (713) 627-5116.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Arthur Diestel
Arthur Diestel
Director, Regulatory

Attachments

cc: Tayoka Hall (FERC)

¹ 18 C.F.R. §§ 157.205 and 157.208 (2023).

**SAKONNET RIVER G-2 REPLACEMENT
WEEKLY REPORT**

Project:	Sakonnet River Replacement
FERC Docket Number:	CP24-49-000
Report Number:	1
Reporting Period:	July 29 through August 4, 2024.

PROJECT SUMMARY:

Algonquin Gas Transmission, LLC (Algonquin) will replace approximately 1.6 miles of existing 6-inch diameter piping on the G-2 System with 12-inch diameter piping using a combination of horizontal direction drilling (HDD) and open-cut excavation methods. Additional HDD will be completed to replace a portion of the G-2 pipeline where crossing a wetland area known as Cotton Swamp and a standard horizontal bore will be completed to install new pipe below Old Mill Lane. The existing pipeline sections that will be replaced where crossing the Sakonnet River and Cotton Swamp will be cleaned and filled with grout to abandon in-place while onshore portions of abandoned pipeline will be removed by excavation. Aboveground launcher and receiver traps will also be installed to accommodate inline inspection (ILI) tools for future integrity testing of the pipeline. The described work is referred to as the “Sakonnet River Replacement” (Project).

The Project Limits extend from the east side of the Sakonnet River, in the town of Little Compton, Rhode Island, to an existing Algonquin Meter and Regulation (M&R) Station 00013 in the town of Portsmouth, Rhode Island. The G-2 System is the sole source of natural gas for homes and businesses on Aquidneck Island.

SUMMARY OF CURRENT CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITIES:

The Project involves work on the east side of the river, in Little Compton (East Side), and west side of the river, in Portsmouth (West Side). For discussion purposes, construction activities will be discussed in reference to the East Side and West Side of the Project. The work as planned does not require work on the Sakonnet River.

General Activities

- Conducted project kick-off meeting and provided safety and environmental training to the project crew.
- Surveyed and marked authorized workspace, access route, and sensitive resource area limits.
- Started mobilizing and staging Project equipment/supplies.
- Started placing workspace and sensitive resource protection signage.
- Used ground penetrating radar and other non-intrusive techniques to identify buried utilities.
- Completed several pothole excavations by dry vacuum and hand excavation methods in open areas to positively identify buried cathodic protection (CP) cables.
 - Open potholes were backfilled after CP cables were marked at the ground surface.

East Side (Little Compton) Activities

- See General Activities.
- Started establishing construction entrance from West Main Road by removing portion of existing stone wall.
 - The wall will be restored when East Side Project activities are complete.

West Side (Portsmouth)Woodbridge TWS (south of river) Activities

- See General Activities.

Phase of Construction	Percent Complete
Mobilization	100%
Site Preparation/Mat Placement	5%
Noise Mitigation Controls	0%
Erosion/Sedimentation Controls	0%
Dewatering Infrastructure	0%
HDD Conductor Casing/Pilot Hole – River Crossing	0%
HDD Reaming – River Crossing	0%
Pre-Pull Hydrostatic Test	0%
Pipe Pull-Through – River Crossing	0%
Post-Pull Hydrostatic Testing – River Crossing	0%
Tie in – River Crossing	0%
HDD Conductor Casing/Pilot Hole – Cotton Swamp	0%
HDD Reaming – Cotton Swamp	0%
Pre-Pull Hydrostatic Test – Cotton Swamp	0%
Pipe Pull Through – Cotton Swamp	0%
Post-Pull Hydrostatic Test – Cotton Swamp	0%
Tie In – Cotton Swamp	0%
Standard bore below Old Mill Lane	0%
Excavation and other Earthwork	0%
Abandoned Pipe Removal	0%
Grouting to Abandoned River Crossing Pipe In-place	0%
Welding of new pipe	0%
Install Cathodic Protection (CP)	0%
Backfilling and Grading	0%
HDD Demobilization	0%
Tie In Demobilization	0%
Site Restoration/Final Clean-up	0%

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES:

The following activities are planned for the next reporting period from August 5 through August 12, 2024:

General Activities

- Continue to provide safety and environmental training for new personnel arriving at the worksite, as needed.
 - Continue mobilizing equipment and supplies.
 - Complete migratory bird nest survey.
 - Install erosion control devices (ECDs) and monitor for integrity and effectiveness.
 - Clear trees and vegetation.
 - Receive and place equipment mats.
 - Continue pothole excavating to identify buried utilities.
 - Start placing heavy equipment mats.
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PROBLEMS/INSTANCES OF NON-COMPLIANCE ENCOUNTERED:

- None during this reporting period.
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CORRECTIVE ACTIONS IMPLEMENTED:

- None during this reporting period.
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EFFECTIVENESS OF CORRECTIVE ACTIONS IMPLEMENTED:

- None during this reporting period.
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LANDOWNER/RESIDENT COMPLAINTS:

- None during this reporting period.
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AGENCY CORRESPONDENCE:

- Submitted preconstruction notifications to RIDEM and CRMC.
 - Received approval from the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission on August 1st on an alternative measure request to utilize an Intersect HDD method.
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OTHER:

- None during this reporting period.
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