

MEMORANDUM TO: Docket No. PF25-4

FROM: Julia Yuan, FERC OEP staff

DATE: May 6, 2025

SUBJECT: Notes from Pre-filing Biweekly Conference Call – Cape Cod Canal Pipeline Relocation Project

Attached is a summary of the pre-filing biweekly conference call held on April 29, 2025, with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission; federal, state, and local agencies; Algonquin Gas Transmission, LLC (project proponent); and SWCA Environmental Consultants (project proponent's consultant) to discuss the planned Cape Cod Canal Pipeline Relocation Project.

FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION
Cape Cod Canal Pipeline Relocation Project
Docket No. PF25-4

Prefiling Bi-Weekly Meeting
Tuesday 4/29/2025
10:00 - 11:00am EST

Attendees:

Julia Yuan - FERC Project Manager
Keith Rogers - FERC Deputy Project Manager, Geologist
Kush Kharod - FERC Air & Noise
Gus McLachlan - Algonquin Environmental Project Manager
Nancy Kist - Algonquin Lead Right-of-Way
Brendan Boyce - Algonquin in House Counsel
Melissa Sherburne - Algonquin Stakeholder Relations
James Taylor - Algonquin Lead Regulatory Affairs
Katelyn Wheeler - SWCA Environmental Consultants, Project Manager
Arthur Diestel - Algonquin Regulatory Affairs
John McSwiggin – U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Assistant District Counsel
Nicole Dapcic - U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Real Estate
Christina Comeau - U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Section 408
Tim Timmermann – U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Project Reviewer
Keith Driscoll - Army National Guard, Cultural Resources
Gerard Martin - MassDEP, Southeast Office
Brian Harrington - MassDEP, Southeast Office
Marlene McCollem - Town of Bourne Administrator

FERC Environmental staff met with representatives from federal, state, and local agencies; and Algonquin Gas Transmission, LLC (Algonquin) via teleconference to discuss the planned Cape Cod Canal Pipeline Relocation Project in Massachusetts.

Update of the project status:

- Algonquin continues to track down all agencies, stakeholders that may be involved in Project. Coastal Zone Management and National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration remaining; scheduled meeting for April 30
- Phase I cultural surveys and wetland/waterbody surveys ongoing. Working with MassWildlife's Natural Heritage & Endangered Species Program to approval protocols for habitat assessment scheduled in June.
- During the April 15, 2025 call, Algonquin discussed changing the project name from Cape Cod Canal **Bridge** Relocation Project to Cape Cod Canal **Pipeline** Relocation Project.

Environmental review and upcoming milestones:

- FERC staff conducted an in-person scoping session on April 23, 2025 in Bourne, MA; 12 people signed in.

- A court reporter was present to take oral comments. Although no comments were officially put on record, the transcript will be posted to FERC docket identifying no comments received.
- The scoring period ends May 5. Once scoping period ends, Algonquin will respond to comments within 14 days of the end of the scoping period.
- While scoping period closes on May 5, 2024, FERC policy is to continue taking comments throughout the environmental review process.

Discussion

A comment was filed on the docket regarding ongoing tree clearing and concerns for noise. Algonquin is looking into the matter as it is unclear who is clearing trees, but it is not Algonquin. While the tree clearing activities are not related to Algonquin, the commentor brings up the potential issue of noise during construction on surrounding residential properties. Algonquin would need to consider construction noise on nearby residential properties and possible use of noise reduction methods.

EPA noted that citizens are focused on water sources on Cape Cod, for example Cape Cod is a sole source aquifer, and suggested identifying local water suppliers and connect with them to discuss the project. Algonquin should include information regarding construction methods and mitigation measures to protect water sources on Cape Cod in its resource reports. Algonquin noted these concerns and have been in contact with local water suppliers, such as Buzzards Bay Water District. These concerns will be addressed in the forthcoming draft resource reports to be filed with FERC.

The next call is scheduled for Tuesday, May 13, 2025.