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Chairman Kevin J. McIntyre
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
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Dear Chairman McIntyre:

I am writing to draw your attention to the recently released risk analysis commissioned by the New York State Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Services regarding the AIM pipelines in the vicinity of the nuclear reactors at Indian Point Energy Center. While this report is not publicly available, it is being shared with FERC. I urge you to consider this analysis and enforce the strictest safety standards on the Algonquin pipelines to ensure the safety and security of Indian Point Energy Center and the surrounding communities.

The AIM Project generally replaced an existing 26-inch natural gas pipeline with a new 42-inch pipeline in a route from northern Rockland County under the Hudson River and through northern Westchester County. However, the portion of the pipelines that pass near safety-critical infrastructure at Indian Point Energy Center has the old 26-inch and 30-inch pipelines as well as the new 42-inch pipeline. FERC approved this project, despite the many letters it received throughout the approval process from me and other elected officials at all levels of government.

New York State commissioned a risk analysis to assess three pipelines near Indian Point Energy Center that were owned by Algonquin Gas Transmission, LLC and are now owned by Enbridge Inc. New York State's executive summary of the report released June 22, 2018, identified areas of potential concern that should be used to inform FERC regulatory activities to make the AIM project safer for the remainder of Indian Point's operating life and through decommissioning. It is my understanding that the State has requested this report to remain confidential. I plan to ask that the report be made publicly available, and I ask you to request the same.

I urge FERC to consider New York State's analysis as it further investigates and considers actions to mitigate potential risks posed by the Algonquin pipelines. The health and safety of my constituents depend on it.

Sincerely,

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