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Town of Southeast
c/o Town Hall
1 Main Street
Brewster, NY 10509

Re: Algonquin Gas Transmission, LLC, Proposed Access Northeast Project
Map/Block/Lot(s): [69.17/1/7], [69.17/1/20], [69.18/1/10]

Dear Town of Southeast:

Algonquin Gas Transmission, LLC (“Algonquin”)¹ is an interstate natural gas transmission company that has maintained and safely operated its interstate pipeline system in New Jersey, New York, Connecticut, Rhode Island and Massachusetts since 1953. With the growing demand for reliable energy with fewer emissions, Algonquin recently began evaluating proposals to modify and expand its existing interstate natural gas pipeline system in your area to increase energy supply diversity, security and reliability in the northeast. This proposed project is called the Access Northeast Project (the “Project”).

The purpose of this letter is to introduce the Project to you. We have enclosed a **Fact Sheet (“FAQ”)** that provides background information about this proposed Project. We believe that the Project will benefit the northeast by making available additional supplies of natural gas, expand and improve pipeline transportation facilities which are necessary to support the needs of regional power generators and natural gas customers, and address the growing demand for clean-burning natural gas. We have also enclosed a **Map** of the proposed geographic area under evaluation which includes portions of the States of New York, Connecticut, Rhode Island and Massachusetts. Areas being evaluated are within so-called “study corridors.”

We have begun updating community leaders and elected officials about the Project while continuing to evaluate and refine the proposed route. In addition, we soon will be meeting with other stakeholders, including landowners and government agencies, to discuss the Project and to seek input on the proposed routing for the new pipeline facilities.

Please be assured that we are very early in the proposed Project process and you will have multiple opportunities to interact and engage with the Project team, as well as participate in the appropriate regulatory processes. It is our goal to communicate early and often about our Project activities in order to build positive relationships with all those with whom we come into contact.

If you have questions or would like additional information concerning the early development activities associated with the proposed Access Northeast Project, please call our landowner hotline toll-free at 888-331-6553. We would be pleased to address any or all aspects of the Project with you. For more information about us, please visit our website www.accessnortheastenergy.com

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Franklin S. Gessner".

Franklin S. Gessner
Right-of-Way Project Manager

¹ Algonquin is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Spectra Energy Partners, LP and maintains and operates interstate natural gas transmission pipelines under the exclusive jurisdiction of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission pursuant to the Natural Gas Act (15 U.S.C. §§ 717-717w). Algonquin’s principal place of business is 5400 Westheimer Court, Houston, Texas 77056.

Access Northeast Project: Frequently Asked Questions

1. Who is Algonquin Gas Transmission, LLC?

Algonquin Gas Transmission, LLC (“Algonquin”) is a wholly owned subsidiary of Spectra Energy Partners, LP. Algonquin maintains and operates interstate natural gas transmission pipelines in New Jersey, New York, Connecticut, Rhode Island and Massachusetts. Algonquin has been providing natural gas to local utilities and electrical generating facilities for almost 70 years. For more information about Algonquin or Spectra, please visit www.spectraenergy.com.

2. What is the Access Northeast Project?

Access Northeast is a natural gas delivery project being developed by Eversource Energy, National Grid and Spectra Energy. It is designed to maximize direct pipeline interconnects to over 70 percent of ISO-NE’s power plants and advance a customized solution to New England’s energy challenge. The project will upgrade existing facilities on the Algonquin Gas Transmission system and market area storage assets in New England to deliver, on peak days, up to 1 billion cubic feet of natural gas. More than 90 percent of the solution will utilize existing pipeline and utility corridors and natural gas infrastructure, thus minimizing environmental and community effects.

3. Where will the Access Northeast Project be located, and what would be its approximate length?

The natural gas pipeline study corridor under review travels through portions of New York, Connecticut, Rhode Island and Massachusetts. In total, the proposed new and improved pipeline facilities are approximately 118.9 miles in length. The proposed pipeline facilities would mostly parallel existing rights-of-way, but will also include new pipeline facilities at new locations.

4. What is the “study corridor” for the Access Northeast Project?

Generally, study corridors are established along the proposed primary and alternate routes to determine the best possible locations for pipeline facilities and potential workspace areas. The study corridors are typically 600 feet wide. However, once our field evaluations are complete, the pipeline corridor will be reduced to a much narrower width that will be necessary to construct the pipeline; typically, this width is approximately 100 feet.

5. What would be the natural gas capacity of the Access Northeast Project if the improvements are constructed?

The pipeline will be capable of transporting up to 1 billion cubic feet of natural gas per day to serve the region’s most efficient power plants and meet increasing demand from heating customers.

6. What would be the estimated cost for the Access Northeast Project?

The preliminary estimates are in the range of \$3 billion; however, this could change, depending on the final scope of the Project.

7. When would the Access Northeast pipeline be in service?

Portions of the Project are proposed to be in service in 2018/2019, with all pipeline facilities completed and in service by 2020.

8. What stage is the Access Northeast Project in now and what are the next steps?

The Project is in the early development stage. Algonquin is initiating several activities to position the Project to meet the proposed schedule. These activities include engaging federal, state and local officials to inform them of Algonquin's initial planned work in the study corridor. Landowners who may be involved will receive introductory letters and information about initial survey plans in their area. The survey study corridor will be approximately 600 feet wide, which would allow for pipeline route refinements, which incorporate landowner, environmental and construction-related concerns. Survey work will commence in the summer of 2015. Once our field evaluations are complete, the pipeline corridor will be reduced to a much narrower width that will be necessary to construct the pipeline; typically, this is approximately 100 feet.

9. Who will authorize the construction of the Access Northeast Project and what kind of regulatory oversight will the Project have?

Algonquin will obtain necessary regulatory authorization from the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC), the federal agency that has jurisdiction over U.S. interstate natural gas pipeline projects. FERC exclusively authorizes the construction of new interstate natural gas facilities and improvements to existing interstate natural gas facilities. FERC is also the lead federal agency responsible for conducting environmental reviews of interstate natural gas projects, in compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act. The FERC process and the permitting processes of other federal and state agencies will allow interested stakeholders multiple opportunities to comment on the Project. In addition to its FERC certificate application, Algonquin will seek review from numerous other federal agencies, including the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and appropriate agencies of New York, Connecticut, Rhode Island and Massachusetts.

10. How will the Access Northeast pipeline benefit the region?

Currently there's a lack of sufficient energy infrastructure in the northeast region that is driving electricity prices higher, limiting economic competitiveness and growth, and straining systems to the point where serious energy reliability issues threaten public safety and security. Over the past 15 years, natural gas-fired generation has grown from serving 15 percent of New England's annual electric requirements to serving approximately half. At the same time, tens of thousands of New England homes and businesses have converted to natural gas heating, while pipeline capacity into the region has not grown. Last winter, New England wholesale electricity costs were nearly double compared with the previous year, largely due to pipeline constraints.

Access Northeast is in direct response to numerous requests from regional stakeholders and governmental agencies in New England for an environmentally responsible, scalable, efficient and effective pipeline project to meet the growth in natural gas consumption that New England has experienced and will continue to experience over the next decade, while keeping energy prices at competitive levels.

Access Northeast will provide access to low-cost supply diversity, while minimizing community and environmental impacts through the enhancement of existing infrastructure.

11. What are the safety measures for the Access Northeast Project?

Algonquin is dedicated to the safe, reliable operation of its facilities and the protection of its employees, the public and the environment. Algonquin has in place operations procedures designed to monitor the pipeline 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Our safety programs are designed to prevent pipeline failures, detect anomalies, and perform repairs and often exceed regulatory requirements. Algonquin monitors and controls safety in many ways and use many different tools. Collectively, these tools make natural gas transmission pipelines one of the safest forms of energy transportation.

The U.S. Department of Transportation's (DOT) Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA) oversees the safety of interstate natural gas pipelines and mandates minimum requirements, from the design and construction to testing, operations, maintenance and emergency response. Algonquin's pipelines operate in strict accordance with all federal and state safety requirements. Algonquin will work closely with local public safety officials to provide them with a thorough awareness of our pipelines and pipeline safety.

12. Where will the above-ground facilities be located?

Above ground facilities are an important part of a mostly underground pipeline transmission system. Compressor stations and Metering and Regulating stations will be strategically located along the pipeline route to move gas through the pipeline. Additionally, valves, regulators, measurement equipment, communication towers and other components that enhance pipeline safety and performance may be seen along the pipeline route. These above-ground facilities are strategically placed and will be discussed with you should your property be affected.

13. What kind of input will affected stakeholders have in anticipation of the Access Northeast Project?

Recently, Algonquin began communicating with public officials, permitting agencies and area stakeholders during the initial development process and will maintain open lines of communication throughout the project's development. Landowners and other stakeholders will have multiple opportunities to provide input on the Project during the permitting process.

Algonquin will also be sending letters to property owners whose properties may be initially involved to inform them of the Project and our need to perform surveys to collect information about their properties. Later this year, Algonquin will host local public meetings for area residents to learn more about the Project and ask questions; Algonquin will provide advance notification to make stakeholders aware of these important events.

14. What kind of interactions will Algonquin have with affected stakeholders when addressing the location of pipeline facilities and the project's overall economic and environmental impact?

Algonquin's experienced development team is committed to a comprehensive consultation and ongoing communications process with stakeholders to develop a viable pipeline route that mitigates impacts to landowners and the environment and meets or exceeds customer needs, constructability requirements and safety regulations. Algonquin will seek opportunities to discuss the project directly with each landowner

in person-to-person discussions. Algonquin's planned survey activities (engineering, environmental and cultural resources) will help it to obtain the necessary field data to further assess pipeline routing issues and address individual landowner concerns. These activities will be performed in a minimal amount of time and should not inconvenience any landowner.

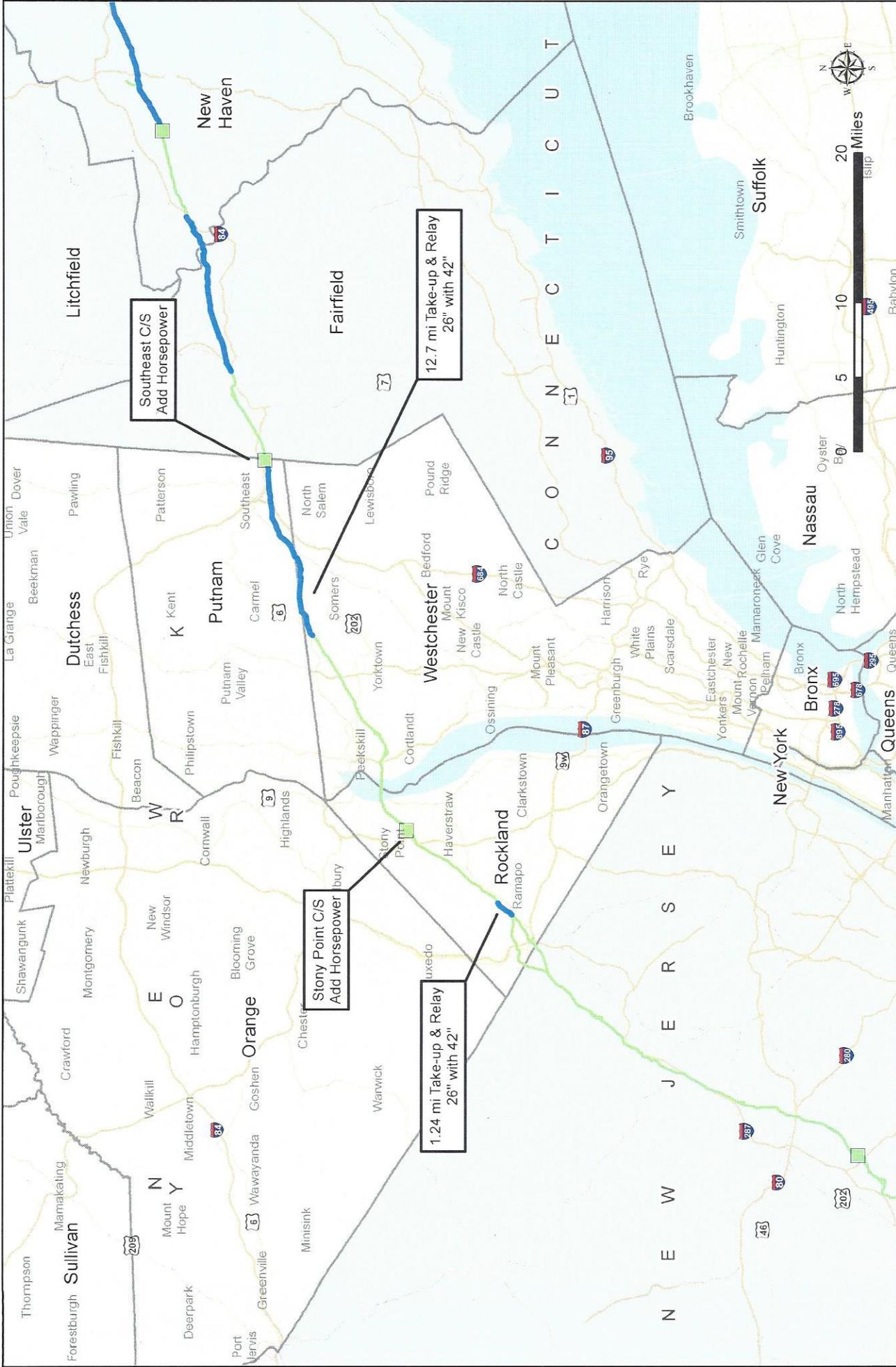
15. What is the estimated environmental and overall economic impact of the Access Northeast Project?

Algonquin is committed to protecting the environment. Wherever possible, the new pipeline will follow existing rights-of-way to substantially limit environmental impacts and effects to landowners. These development efforts are closely monitored by federal and state environmental agencies, requiring a number of permits, and we closely adhere to all applicable environmental standards to ensure we minimize our Project footprint. Additionally, environmental aspects of the construction project are regulated by FERC, which will review all plans and conduct its own environmental study of the Project.

16. What sort of local or regional benefits can we expect to see from a project of this size?

The Access Northeast Project will create a significant amount of jobs during construction and add capital investment and tax base to New York, Connecticut, Rhode Island and Massachusetts. The Project will provide consumers and businesses with critical access to an affordable, enhanced natural gas supply that will:

- Invigorate economies, spur growth and ensure regional economic competitiveness;
- Enhance supply diversity, reliability and security; and
- Ensure that clean-burning, affordable natural gas will continue to be available.

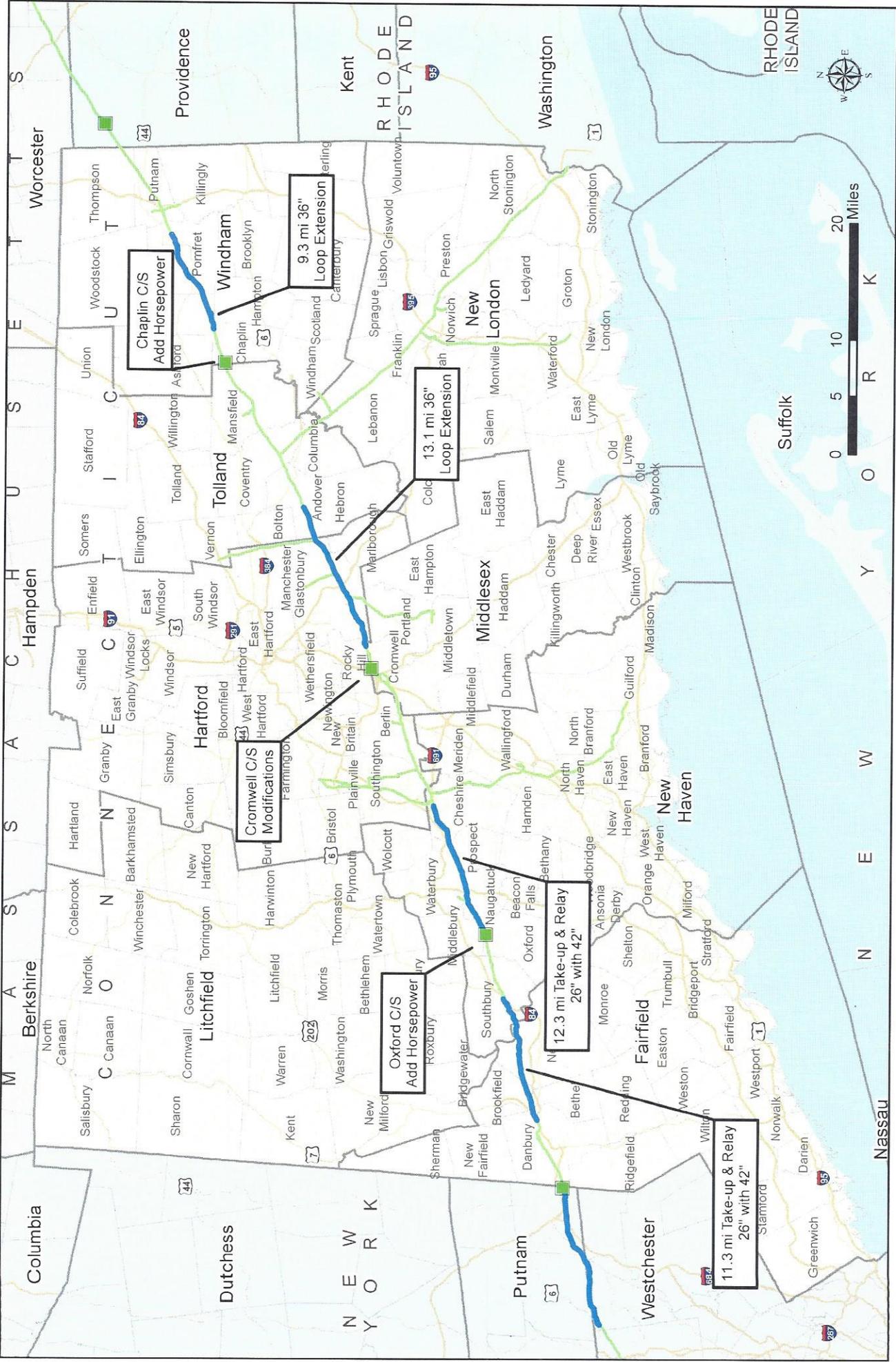


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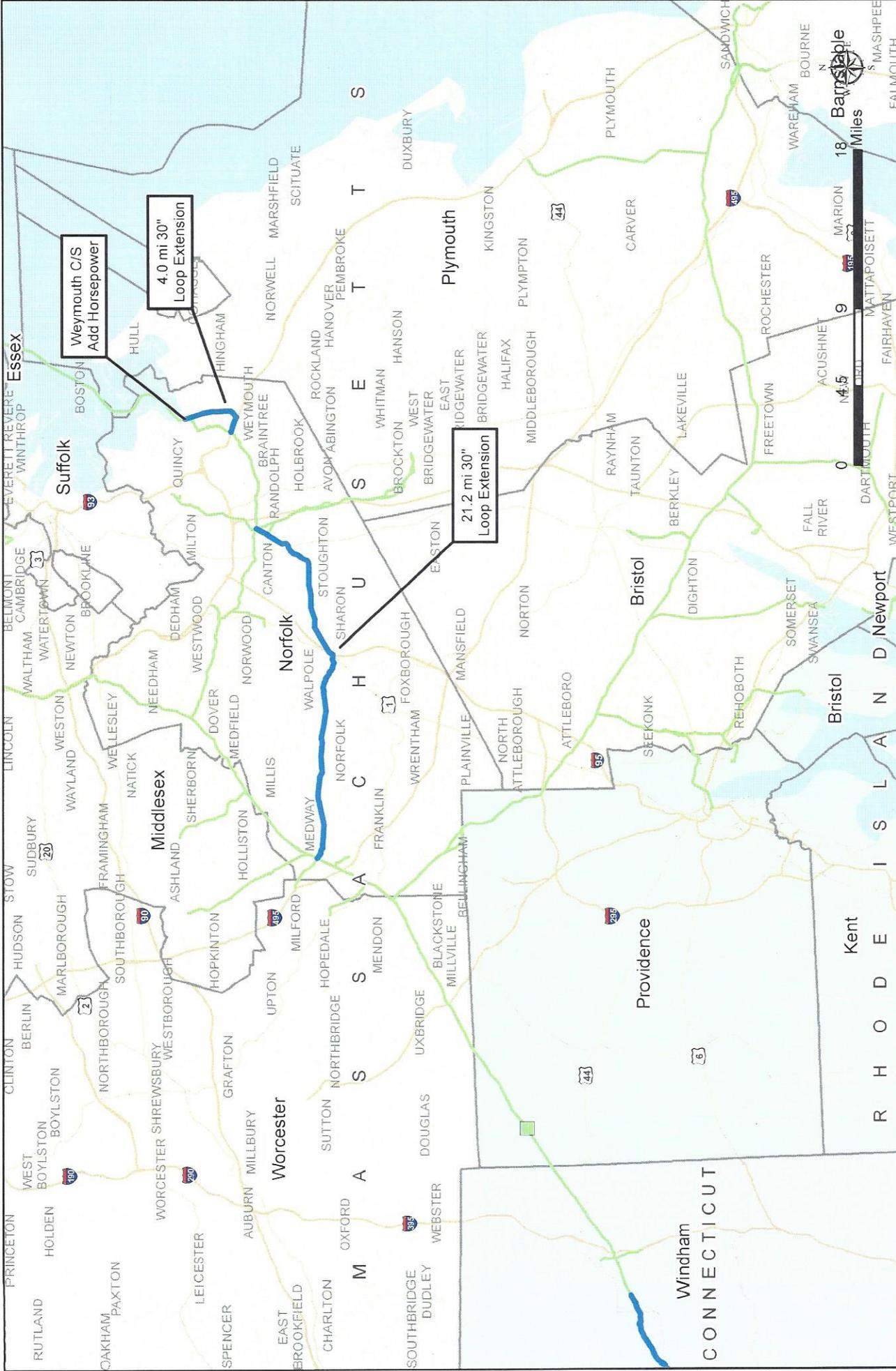




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