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From: Olivia Krommes <okrommes@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, April 30, 2024 9:46 PM
To: jabbruzzese@crmc.ri.gov; cstff1@crmc.ri.gov
Cc: Gus
Subject: 2023-10-104 comment

Hello,

We're writing to express our strong opposition to the Sakonnet River pipeline expansion for several reasons:

1. Rhode Island, like most other New England states, has net zero emissions climate goals, making this project unnecessary. Investment in infrastructure means a commitment to decades more of gas use or stranded assets if the system becomes disused before its end of life.
2. Enbridge, owner of the Algonquin Gas Transmission system, claims the purpose of this project is increased reliability, but doubling the diameter of a pipeline increases its capacity by nearly 400%. We do not need increased fossil fuel capacity in Rhode Island, but the opposite. If needed, lower risk repair, such as re-lining of the existing pipeline should be pursued, rather than expansion
3. Installing a new pipeline under the river is an environmental risk that is not warranted, given the need to transition away from fossil fuels. Enbridge has a bad record with horizontal directional drilling. Its Line 3, built in 2021, had 28 frac-outs when under construction.

Thank you for your consideration!

Olivia Krommes and Gus Meissner
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From: David Brunetti <davidabrunetti1@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, April 30, 2024 3:55 PM
To: Jabbruzzese@crmc.ri.gov; cstff1@crmc.ri.gov
Subject: Comments re: CRMC Draft Assent W2023-10-104 – Algonquin Gas Transmission LLC – Portsmouth
Attachments: Comments re_Sakonnet River Permit_CRMC 2023-10-104_4.30.24.docx

To Whom It May Concern,

Attached are my comments regarding the CRMC Draft Assent W2023-10-104 – Algonquin Gas Transmission LLC – Portsmouth.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide you with my comments,

Sincerely,

David A. Brunetti
935 Sherman Farm Road
Harrisville, RI 02830

April 30, 2024

State of Rhode Island
Coastal Resources Management Council
RE: CRMC Draft Assent W2023-10-104

I have sent this message to provide you with my comments regarding the CRMC Draft Assent W2023-10-104 – Algonquin Gas Transmission LLC – Portsmouth

As someone who has spent much time and effort to get Rhode Island's ACT ON CLIMATE legislation passed and signed into law on April 14, 2021, I cannot stand by and let this project go forward without expressing my opposition. I strongly urge you to reject this project for the following reasons:

The purpose of the Act on Climate legislation is to reduce our state's collective carbon emissions to net-zero by 2050. We cannot do this if this project is approved.

It is obvious that there is deceit in Enbridge's stated objective for the project, which they claim is for the purpose of reliability, not additional capacity. By doubling the diameter of the pipeline, there would be an increase in its capacity by 300%, so the total amount of flow would be increased to four times the current capacity. Instead, they could increase the reliability of the pipeline, their stated objective, by re-lining the existing pipeline via a process known as Cured-In-Place-Lining (CIPL), which can line pipelines from 4" to 48" in diameter, creating a durable and impermeable composite pipe within the original pipeline without affecting flow capacity. This is what they should be doing.

Additionally, the proposed process for expansion of the pipeline - a mix of horizontal directional drilling for some segments and "cut and cover" for other segments - is very disruptive to the environment of the workspace. Horizontal directional drilling is often touted as much less disruptive, but can experience accidents through frac-outs, which leaks drilling mud into the environment. Notably, Enbridge has a bad record with Horizontal Directional Drilling. Enbridge's "Line 3", built in 2021, had 28 frac-outs when under construction.

To add to the potential negative impacts from such a project, The Sakonnet River is home to Sea Turtles, Atlantic Sturgeon and other threatened species. A frac-out could have disastrous impacts on their habitats

We DO NOT NEED extra capacity for natural gas. What we DO NEED, desperately need, is a massive transition to clean and renewable energy.

By allowing this project to move forward, you would be committing us to decades more of gas use, or stranded assets if the system becomes disused before its end of life. This is not acceptable.

Thank you for providing me with the opportunity to comment on this topic.

Sincerely,

David A. Brunetti
935 Sherman Farm Road
Harrisville, RI 02830

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From: Nick Katkevich <nick.katkevich@sierraclub.org>
Sent: Tuesday, April 30, 2024 2:03 PM
To: Jabbruzzese@crmc.ri.gov; CStaff1
Subject: Written comments for 2023-10-104 - Sakonnet River Pipeline Project
Attachments: Written Comments - 2023-10-104 - Sakonnet River Pipeline Project.pdf

Good afternoon,

My comments for application 2023-10-104 are attached. Please confirm receipt of this email.

Thank you,

-Nick

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Nick Katkevich
Northeast Field Organizer
Sierra Club

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April 30, 2024

To the Rhode Island Coastal Resource Management Council:

I am submitting these comments in response to the permit application "2023-10-104", for the proposed expansion to the fracked-gas pipeline under the Sakonnet River.

This draft permit is contested, and the CRMC must host additional public meetings about it

Enbridge, through their subsidiary "Algonquin Gas Transmission" are proposing a pipeline expansion project which would involve doubling the size of their pipeline that runs under the Sakonnet River. This is a major infrastructure project that will impact a biodiverse and sensitive section of Rhode Island's waterways. The public should have additional opportunities to raise questions and concerns about this project.

In addition to the meeting scheduled on May 14th, an additional public hearing must be scheduled that is accessible to residents of Portsmouth, Little Compton, and Tiverton. The May 14th meeting is being held at a location an hour away from communities that would be impacted by the project. The meeting is being held at 6pm - which means that community members would have to drive over the Washington Bridge during rush hour traffic to attend. The timing and location of the meeting means that it would almost be impossible for working residents from Portsmouth, Little Compton and Tiverton to attend. Another public hearing must be scheduled.

Enbridge wants to use hazardous processes to install the expanded pipeline

Enbridge wants to install the expanded pipeline using a mix of horizontal directional drilling for some segments and "cut and cover" for other segments. Cut and cover is very disruptive to the environment of the work space. Horizontal directional drilling is often touted as much less disruptive, but can experience accidents through frac-outs, which leaks drilling mud into the environment.¹ Enbridge has a bad record with Horizontal Directional Drilling. Enbridge's "Line 3", built in 2021, had 28 frac-outs when under construction.² The Sakonnet River is home to Sea

¹ <https://www.sierraclub.org/wisconsin/blog/2022/03/enbridge-pipelines-and-horizontal-directional-drilling>

² <https://www.mprnews.org/story/2022/02/23/minn-lawmaker-demands-data-on-line-3-fracouts>

Turtles, Atlantic Sturgeon and other threatened species. A frac-out could have disastrous impacts on their habitats.

Installing a new pipeline under the Sakonnet River is a high environmental risk that should not be taken. Narragansett Bay needs to be protected, and this application must be rejected.

The project is unnecessary and is counter to Rhode Island's climate goals

There is no need for this new, larger pipeline. Enbridge claims that there are “anomalies” in the existing pipeline that necessitate it. Re-lining the existing pipeline could be an option to repair it, especially since Enbridge has stated that more capacity is not needed. This wouldn't require any trenching or horizontal directional drilling and would involve far lower risk.

Cured-In-Place-Lining (CIPL), The PPM Starline® CIPL system can line pipelines from 4” to 48” in diameter, creating a durable and impermeable composite pipe within the original pipeline without affecting flow capacity. Ideal for midstream and upstream pipeline sector applications for systems operating between 0-350 psi to eliminate inadvertent emission of un-odorized natural gas releases due to leaks and resultant GHG issues.³ A study on this coating system was done at Cornell University that simulated 100 years' wear with no leaks.⁴ This alternative process for coating the pipeline must be explored and prioritized over dangerous and reckless practices such as horizontal directional drilling.

Furthermore, the 2021 Act on Climate mandates that Rhode Island reduce greenhouse gas emissions by 45% by 2030, 80% by 2040, and reach net zero by 2050. In January 2020, an Executive Order was signed for advancing a 100% renewable electricity future for Rhode Island by 2030. In 2022, the General Assembly enacted a Renewable Energy Standard of 100% by 2033. Expanding fracked-gas infrastructure is not compatible with these climate goals. Because of this, the application to expand the pipeline under the Sakonnet River must be rejected.

Overall, this project is unnecessary, dangerous, would negatively impact critical habitats, and runs counter to Rhode Island's emission reduction goals. CRMC must reject this application, and at the very least schedule an in person public hearing that is accessible to the residents who would be most impacted by the project.

Sincerely,

Nick Katkevich
Northeast Field Organizer, Sierra Club

³ <https://www.progressivepipe.com/natural-gas-pressure-pipelines>

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https://bpb-us-w2.wpmucdn.com/sites.coecis.cornell.edu/dist/a/38/files/2014/10/151215-NYSEARCH_NGA-Final-Report-1c06yrj.pdf

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From: Susan Kelley <skelley1236@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, April 29, 2024 7:18 PM
To: cstaff1@crmc.ri.gov; Jabbruzzese@crmc.ri.gov
Subject: 2023-10-104 Algonquin pipeline

Dear Members of the CRMC:

I submitted comments earlier but would like to add a point.

May I refer you to the number of pipeline "incidents" that have been reported to the Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration?

<https://portal.phmsa.dot.gov/analytics/saw.dll?Portalpages&PortalPath=%2Fshared%2FPDM%20Public%20Website%2Fportal%2FSC%20Incident%20Trend&Page=All%20Reported>

Or you could go by year:

<https://portal.phmsa.dot.gov/analytics/saw.dll?Portalpages&PortalPath=%2Fshared%2FPDM%20Public%20Website%2Fportal%2FSC%20Incident%20Trend&Page=Significant%20Incidents%20Consequences>

The Center for Biological Diversity provides clear graphics on the dangers of pipelines, with an important video included in the link:

https://www.biologicaldiversity.org/campaigns/americas_dangerous_pipelines/

Pipelines are not safe. That is clear.

Granting this expansion permit invites accidents and operates in opposition to the Act on Climate law. We need to reduce our interaction with and dependence on fossil fuels, not expand our addiction.

Please do not approve this permit. We need to work in the opposite direction.

Thank you for your kind attention.

Sincerely yours,

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skelley1236@gmail.com

Jenn Abbruzzese

From: Diane Jamieson <djlpc.dj@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, April 29, 2024 6:21 PM
To: Jabbruzzese@crmc.ri.gov
Subject: Regarding 2023-10-104
Attachments: Sakonnet River Enbridge project.docx

Please read my letter regarding the proposed Enbridge pipe expansion under the Sakonnet River..thank you..

4/29/2024

To members of the Rhode Island Coastal Resources Management Council,

I am writing to you regarding Enbridge's application (made through a subsidiary Algonquin Gas Transmission) to double the size of their fracked gas pipeline that goes under the Sakonnet River. I live in Northeastern Connecticut and have friends who live in Tiverton. My husband and I enjoy visiting them and kayaking and swimming in the Sakonnet as well as visiting the Audubon preserve that borders the river. I am concerned that such a potentially devastating project is being considered.

I understand there is a public meeting scheduled for May 16th In Providence. I think it is important for there to be another meeting scheduled that would be more accessible to the people who live in the area likely to be impacted by such a project. It is important that the public have ample opportunity to ask questions and raise concerns about such a project.

The Sakonnet river is home to at least two threatened species..Sea Turtles and Atlantic Sturgeon. Enbridge is looking to install the expanded pipeline using methods that are known to be disruptive to the environment of the work space while horizontal drilling can experience accidents through 'frac-outs' which leak drilling mud into the environment. When Enbridge built Line 3 in 2021, they had 28 frac outs during construction.

This project is unnecessary and counter to Rhode Islands climate goals. Enbridge has a safer and less intrusive option if their line needs repairs. I urge you to vote against this application.

Thank you,

Diane Jamieson 490 Sunset Hill Rd. North Grosvenordale CT 06255

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From: Dave Sungarian <dsungarian@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, April 22, 2024 6:35 PM
To: jabbruzzese@crmc.ri.gov; cstff1@crmc.ri.gov
Subject: 2023-10-104

Hi,

I am a resident of Portsmouth, Rhode Island.

Please do not allow Enbridge to grow fossil fuels in Rhode Island by expanding its fracked gas pipeline that runs under the Sakonnet River and renewing the operating permit for its toxic fracked gas pipeline compressor station in Burrillville, Rhode Island.

The fact that Rhode Island, like most other New England states, has net zero emissions climate goals makes this project unnecessary. Investment in infrastructure means a commitment to decades more of gas use or stranded assets if the system becomes disused before its end of life.

Enbridge, owner of the Algonquin Gas Transmission system, claims the purpose of this project is increased reliability, but doubling the diameter of a pipeline increases its capacity by nearly 400%. We do not need increased fossil fuel capacity in Rhode Island, but the opposite. If needed, lower risk repair, such as re-lining of the existing pipeline should be pursued, rather than expansion

Installing a new pipeline under the river is an environmental risk that is not warranted, given the need to transition away from fossil fuels. Enbridge has a bad record with horizontal directional drilling. Its Line 3, built in 2021, had 28 frac-outs when under construction.

Thank you,
Dave

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From: Will Nakshian <willnakshian@cox.net>
Sent: Saturday, April 20, 2024 1:36 PM
To: jabbruzzese@crmc.ri.gov; cstff1@crmc.ri.gov
Subject: 2023-10-104

Dear Council Members,

I urge you to deny any permitting to Enbridge to build a new pipeline under the Sakonnet River. Allowing utilities to build out new fossil fuel infrastructure will only prolong the state's dependence on methane gas as an energy source.

Rhode Island needs to fulfill the mandates of the Act on Climate bill by moving more quickly toward a green energy future. Allowing new fossil fuel infrastructure will only delay that vital transition. Letting Enbridge invest in infrastructure that will soon become stranded assets will be bad economically for our state.

The construction of this pipeline would pose an unwarranted risk to the environment with the possibility of accidents.

Thank you,
Will Nakshian

Will Nakshian
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Cumberland, RI 02864

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From: Susan Kelley <skelley1236@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 17, 2024 2:44 PM
To: abbruzzese@crmc.ri.gov; cstff1@crmc.ri.gov
Subject: Deny 2023-10-104

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
Flag Status: Completed

My name is Susan Kelley, and I own property on Sakonnet Point, Little Compton, RI, which overlooks the Sakonnet River and Lloyd's Beach.

My income depends upon the river being clean and the beach being clean. I will never agree to approve the expansion of the Algonquin pipeline that currently runs in the Sakonnet River.

I take this position for many reasons. First of all, we are in a rapidly worsening climate crisis. Each winter, the storms become more violent with effects that are increasingly destructive. Lloyd's beach has been shortened by at least a mile in my lifetime, with rocks from each subsequent storm landing farther and farther inland. As the earth continues to heat up and the oceans have no way to cool themselves, storms and associated winds and waves will become more extreme, creating more and more havoc.

Rhode Island itself depends upon tourism dollars that arrive when people visit our great beaches. What will happen when those beaches are no longer so great? You and I know that time is coming. We have to work on mitigating climate chaos where and how we can.

Oil, gas, and coal are the clear causes of our heating planet. To save ourselves and our children, we must do our best to stop using fossil fuels, not limply comply with every request for expansion. We have to cut back. One way to do that would be to deny permission to Enbridge to expand the girth of the Sakonnet River pipeline.

On a more practical level, we have all seen the many pipeline failures, explosions, and other disasters that happen when oil and gas flow through pipes. The Sakonnet River may be the cleanest river in Rhode Island. Expanding the pipeline invites error and danger.

Compared to the historical bounty of fish and flora in the Sakonnet River and the ocean off of Rhode Island, we are much diminished. My father used to tell stories of biking to the fish docks every morning to buy a fish from a fresh catch right off a fishing boat that had just returned. These boats returned with full catches, every time. I haven't seen that in many, many years. In fact, there are very few fishing boats left in the Sakonnet Harbor. We cannot take the risk of an accident or an error or of an abnormal storm or hurricane causing irreparable harm to the ocean resources we have left. People come to our shores to swim in clear water and to fish. An accident would do horrible harm in so many ways.

Moreover, many nations are beginning to get serious about fighting climate change. Some are weaning themselves off of oil and gas in favor of renewable energies. As a result, the demand for Enbridge's product will begin to drop. If not now, eventually. There is no need for them to demand a larger pipe when their need for it will gradually disappear.

Rhode Island, too, to comply with the law, Act on Climate, is also trying to wean itself off of oil and gas. We are investing in renewable energy and in making it available to more and more people so that we create cleaner air, cleaner homes, and a safer environment. To be consistent with our purpose, which, simply, is to save our

children, we must not grant a way for a greater quantity of oil and gas to be produced, shipped and used. We must stand up for our kids.

For all of these reasons and more, I ask you to deny the Algonquin Gas Transmission permit, W2023-10-104.

Sincerely yours,

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Cstaff1

From: Anna Bernath <abernath138@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, April 12, 2024 6:37 PM
To: jabbruzzese@crmc.ri.gov; cstff1@crmc.ri.gov
Subject: "2023-10-104"

As the climate goals in New England are net zero emissions, it seems to be counter-intuitive to invest in infrastructure that will not be used in the future. The fact that renewed infrastructure exists will rationalize for the continued use of the investment.

Spend the money on improving electrical transmission lines so that renewable energy can be delivered to customers in New England.

Work for an improved environment in the future, not to continue to degrade it, for the sake of future generations.

Sincerely,
Anna Bernath=

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From: Clare Kim <rainbowquiche@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, April 12, 2024 3:16 PM
To: jabbruzzese@crmc.ri.gov; cstff1@crmc.ri.gov
Subject: 2023-10-104

Hello,

I am writing to oppose the Sakonnet River pipeline expansion. We do not need increased fossil fuel capacity in Rhode Island, but the opposite. If needed, lower risk repair, such as re-lining, of the existing pipeline should be pursued, rather than expansion.

Installing a new pipeline under the river is an environmental risk that is not warranted, given the need to transition away from fossil fuels. Enbridge has a bad record with horizontal directional drilling

Thank you,
Clare

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Educator + Consultant

Brown University '15, MAT '16

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From: Greg Gerritt <gerritt@mindspring.com>
Sent: Friday, April 12, 2024 1:53 PM
To: jabbruzzese@crmc.ri.gov
Cc: cstff1@crmc.ri.gov
Subject: 2023-10-104

To CRMC, I am commenting on the Sakonnet River pipeline expansion.

AT this point in the climate crisis it should be obvious that we have to seriously reduce the amount of fossil fuels we are using if we do not want to fry the planet and our communities. Expanding the pipeline is an effort by the fossil fuel giants to continue to extract profits despite conditions becoming unlivable for more and more people every year. In RI we passed the Act on Climate MANDATING fossil fuel emissions reductions on the path to zero in 2050. Expanding infrastructure designed to bring gas until at least 2054 violates every bit of the law. And promises our communities a much hotter and stormy future. You know the cost of this. You know that it is not worth it and that alternatives to exist are ready to replace it in relatively swift fashion if we give ourselves half a chance. Do not steal that chance. Deny the pipeline expansion.

Greg Gerritt
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gerritt@mindspring.com

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From: Jessica Minker <jessicaminker@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, April 12, 2024 8:43 AM
To: jabbruzzese@crmc.ri.gov; cstff1@crmc.ri.gov
Subject: 2023-10-104

Hello,

I am writing as a resident of Rhode Island concerned about the proposed expansion of Enbridge's pipeline in our state.

Rhode Island has a net zero emissions goal. So why would we be investing in increasing fossil fuel infrastructure?

Enbridge's proposed expansion of its pipeline would increase its capacity nearly 400%. This seems completely unnecessary, right?

What we should be investing in is renewable energy, and making it a smooth and just transition. Of course, if needed, we should repair the existing fossil fuel infrastructure to make sure it is safe. For example, relining the existing pipeline. Why is the state considering to allow this project go forward, instead of investing in renewable energy for RI?

And this should go without saying, but increasing fossil fuel infrastructure such as Enbridge's pipeline poses a great threat to the health and safety of our communities and environment. Enbridge in particular has a terrible record with horizontal directional drilling: its Line 3 had 28 frac-outs while under construction. Is this what you want to see happen in our communities?

Thank you for your time,
Jessica

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From: Kinsley, Craig <craig_kinsley@alumni.brown.edu>
Sent: Thursday, April 11, 2024 2:59 PM
To: jabbruzzese@crmc.ri.gov; cstaff1@crmc.ri.gov
Subject: Opposition to Sakonnet River Pipeline Expansion

Hello,

I would like to express my opposition the the Pipeline Expansion. Fossil fuels are not the future. We should be pushing towards a future where with fewer fossil fuels rather than more. It is disappointing to have the send this email at all.

Thank you for your time,

Craig Kinsley

Cstaff1

From: Nancy Whyte Sherman <nancy.sherman52@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 10, 2024 8:08 AM
To: Cstaff1
Subject: Re: Pipeline

It's "2023-10-104."
Nancy Whyte Sherman M.Ed
NK Arts Council Chairperson

On Tue, Apr 9, 2024 at 8:41 PM Nancy Whyte Sherman <nancy.sherman52@gmail.com> wrote:
I'm sorry I do not know. I got an email from a group and they referenced this pipeline as well as permit for a power plant/pipeline in Burriville. Nancy
Sent from my iPad

On Apr 9, 2024, at 11:25 AM, Cstaff1 <cstaff1@crmc.ri.gov> wrote:

Nancy,

What CRMC file is this objection for?

Thanks,

Brittany Spurlock

Assistant Administrative Officer

Coastal Resources Management Council

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From: Nancy Whyte Sherman <nancy.sherman52@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, April 9, 2024 10:55 AM
To: jabbuzzese@crmc.ri.gov; cstaff1@crmc.ri.gov
Subject: Pipeline under the Sakonnet

I am opposed to creating a new pipeline under the Sakonnet. All Pipes Leak! and this company doesn't have a good record in that regard. Invest some money into relining the existing pipe.

Nancy W Sherman 64 Pleasant St. North Kingstown 02852

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Nancy Whyte Sherman M.Ed

NK Arts Council Chairperson

Cstaff1

From: christine satterwhite <csatterw@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, April 9, 2024 5:14 PM
To: cstff1@crmc.ri.gov
Subject: oppose pipeline extension

The fact that RI, like most other New England states, has net zero emissions climate goals makes this project unnecessary. Investment in infrastructure means a commitment to decades more of gas use or stranded assets if the system becomes disused before its end of life.

Enbridge, owner of the Algonquin Gas Transmission system, claims the purpose of this project is increased reliability, but doubling the diameter of a pipeline increases its capacity by nearly 400%. Again, we do not need increased fossil fuel capacity in Rhode Island, but the opposite. If needed, lower risk repair, such as re-lining, of the existing pipeline should be pursued, rather than expansion

Installing a new pipeline under the river is an environmental risk that is not warranted, given the need to transition away from fossil fuels. Enbridge has a bad record with horizontal directional drilling. Its Line 3, built in 2021, had 28 frac-outs when under construction.

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From: Johnny Truant <johnny.a.truant@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, April 9, 2024 4:17 PM
To: jabbruzzese@crmc.ri.gov; cstff1@crmc.ri.gov
Subject: Public comment: NO to Sakonet River Pipeline Expansion

I am writing to express my STRONG disapproval of the planned Sakonet River Pipeline expansion.

Enbridge, owner of the Algonquin Gas Transmission system, claims the purpose of this project is increased reliability, but doubling the diameter of a pipeline increases its capacity by nearly 400%. We do not need increased fossil fuel capacity in Rhode Island, but the opposite. If needed, lower risk repair, such as re-lining of the existing pipeline should be pursued, rather than expansion.

Installing a new pipeline under the river is an environmental risk that is not warranted, given the need to transition away from fossil fuels. Enbridge has a bad record with horizontal directional drilling. Its Line 3, built in 2021, had 28 frac-outs when under construction.

It is crucial for Rhode Island, as for the entire world, to be transitioning away from fossil fuels at this time. The last thing any of us need is more non-renewable energy.

The net zero emissions goals of Rhode Island must be honored and taken seriously.

Sincerely,

Johnny Truant
47 Governor Street,
Providence, RI, 02906

Cstaff1

From: bermandh@gmail.com
Sent: Tuesday, April 9, 2024 9:18 AM
To: jabbruzzese@crmc.ri.gov; cstff1@crmc.ri.gov
Subject: 2023-10-104

I am a retired mechanical engineer and highly experienced with gases and pipelines. Although I am not opposed to the proposed pipeline construction itself, I am opposed to expanding fossil fuel infrastructure in our state and anywhere else. There is a net zero target at a state level, and I am personally making investments to reduce my carbon footprint in RI. Expanding natural gas infrastructure in our state is simply going in the wrong direction and will have negative impacts on our need to get to zero carbon here in RI.

Thank you.

Doug Berman

Jenn Abbruzzese

From: Harold J. Harrison <hjh9@columbia.edu>
Sent: Monday, April 8, 2024 4:35 PM
To: jabbruzzese@crmc.ri.gov; cstaff1@crmc.ri.gov
Cc: Rep. McNamara, Joseph M.; aleida.whitney@dem.ri.gov
Subject: 2023-10-104

- Dear Sirs and Madam:

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- RI, like most other New England states, has net zero emissions climate goals makes this project unnecessary. Investment in infrastructure means a commitment to decades more of gas use or stranded assets if the system becomes disused before its end of life.

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- Enbridge, owner of the Algonquin Gas Transmission system, claims the purpose of this project is increased reliability, but doubling the diameter of a pipeline increases its capacity by nearly 400%. Again, we do not need increased fossil fuel capacity in Rhode Island, but the opposite. If needed, lower risk repair, such as re-lining, of the existing pipeline should be pursued, rather than expansion

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- Installing a new pipeline under the river is an environmental risk that is not warranted, given the need to transition away from fossil fuels. Enbridge has a bad record with horizontal directional drilling. Its Line 3, built in 2021, had 28 frac-outs when under construction.

- You must consider these crucial factors and reject this proposal.

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- Harry Harrison
- 28 Barstow Road
- Warwick, RI 02888

Jenn Abbruzzese

From: Susan Comeau <allwaysgardening4u@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, April 8, 2024 2:16 PM
To: jabbruzzese@crmc.ri.gov
Subject: Fracking

Please say NO to fracking under the Sakonnet River!!!!

PLEASE DONT LET THIS ATROCITY HAPPEN!!!!

Sincerely

Susan Comeau

114 Park Ave

Portsmouth RI

Sent from my iPhone

Cstaff1

From: David Way <dway@greenvest.eco>
Sent: Monday, April 8, 2024 2:12 PM
To: jabbruzzese@crmc.ri.gov; cstaff1@crmc.ri.gov
Subject: 2023-10-104

To Whom It May Concern,

I would urge you to reject the Sakonnet River pipeline expansion. It is entirely unnecessary to expand fossil fuel infrastructure when we are working towards having entirely renewable energy in the next couple of decades and to be reducing reliance on fossil fuels along the way. It is a needless risk to take constructing this line under a river with a company that has a poor record on environmental safety, having had 28 Frackouts when constructing line tree. There are much lower risk options such as relining the existing pipeline that won't be unnecessarily increasing risk and increasing the flow of dirty fossil fuels into our state. Thank you for your consideration.

Regards,



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From: Nick Katkevich <nick.katkevich@sierraclub.org>
Sent: Thursday, March 28, 2024 4:08 PM
To: CStaff1; Jeff Willis; asilva@crmc.ri.gov; Rich Lucia
Subject: Filing an Objection to 2023-10-104
Attachments: Sierra Club Mail - Information request, and filing an objection.pdf; Sierra Club Mail - Information request, and filing an objection 2.0.pdf

To whom it may concern:

As a Field Organizer for the Sierra Club, an organization that has thousands of members in Rhode Island, I am writing to formally object to the application numbered 2023-10-104. The basis of this objection is CRMC's failure to respond to communications related to this application, and failure to answer - or acknowledge - questions related to the process for filing an objection to this application.

This draft application should not be turned into a full Assent. More time must be granted for public comment, and a public hearing for the application must be scheduled.

Timeline of communications (copies of these email communications are attached):

- On February 14th I called CRMC and asked for a copy of this application. I then sent a follow up email that same day in which I asked for the application and asked what the process was for objecting. **I received no response.**
- On March 6th I sent up a follow up email reiterating these requests. **I received no response.**
- On March 11th I wrote to CRMC and asked what the process for filing a formal objection was, and how to submit public comment. **CRMC staff finally provided me with a copy of the application, but I did not receive any information about submitting public comment or filing an objection.**
- On March 12th I once again asked what the process was to file an objection. **I received no response.**
- On March 25th I called CRMC, at which point Amy Silva responded to me about the objection process.
- On March 25th I asked what the timeline for submitting objections was. Amy Silva responded to me today to tell me that this was the last day to file an objection. **This was the first time I heard about this deadline, and it was shared with me just hours before objections are due.**

Denying access to the application in a reasonable and timely fashion, and failing to provide any information about the process for filing an objection has denied myself, and Sierra Club's members in Rhode Island, an opportunity to adequately review the application and file detailed objections.

In order to address this harm, and create a fair, transparent process for this application CRMC should:

- Extend the deadline for submitting objections by 30 days.
- Schedule a time for CRMC staff to meet with myself, and other Sierra Club staff and Sierra Club legal counsel to review processes related to this application.
- Schedule a public hearing for this application.

Please let me know if you need any additional information or documentation. I look forward to your response.

Sincerely,

-Nick

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Information request, and filing an objection

7 messages

Nick Katkevich <nick.katkevich@sierraclub.org>
To: cstaff1@crmc.ri.gov

Mon, Mar 11, 2024 at 12:05 PM

Good afternoon,

I'm hoping to review two applications from Algonquin Gas Transmission. The file numbers are: 2023-05-092 and 2023-10-104

Would you also be able to share more about the application process for these submissions, and what opportunities are available to intervene in the process, and object to the approval of these applications?

Thank you for your time,

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To: Nick Katkevich <nick.katkevich@sierraclub.org>
Cc: Cstaff1 <cstaff1@crmc.ri.gov>

Mon, Mar 11, 2024 at 12:14 PM

I have forwarded the files you requested to you through hightail. They will send you a link to access the file. You will have a week to download the files after that you will not have access. If you have not received it, please check your junk/spam.

Thank you and have a great day.

Please send all request and recorded assents to Jabbruzzese@crmc.ri.gov & to cstaff1@crmc.ri.gov. To drop off any application please call 401-783-3370 to set up appointments and to check status please click on <http://www.crmcpermitdatabase.org/pads>

Coastal Resource Management Council

4808 Tower Hill Road

Wakefield, RI 02879

401-783-3370

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Nick Katkevich <nick.katkevich@sierraclub.org>

Tue, Mar 12, 2024 at 12:25 PM

To: CStaff1 <Cstaff1@crmc.ri.gov>

Cc: Cstaff1 <cstaff1@crmc.ri.gov>

Thank you for sharing the files. **I would like to file an Objection to this application, and request a public hearing on the matter.**

Can you please share with me the process for filing this Objection and hearing request?

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asilva@crmc.ri.gov <asilva@crmc.ri.gov>

Mon, Mar 25, 2024 at 2:53 PM

To: Cstaff1 <cstaff1@crmc.ri.gov>, nick.katkevich@sierraclub.org

Cc: Jeff Willis <jwillis@crmc.ri.gov>, Rich Lucia <rlucia@crmc.ri.gov>

Nick-

This application has a draft Assent, and was awaiting sign off from all affected property owners before issuing final Assent, which was submitted recently. The final Assent has not yet been issued.

Please submit an objection that specifically references Red Book impacts or nonconformances to be reviewed. For further information on objections, please reference Section 1.1.6(G).

Amy

Amy Silva

Supervising Environmental Scientist, CRMC

(401)-783-3370p / (401)-783-2069f

<http://www.crmc.ri.gov>

From: Nick Katkevich <nick.katkevich@sierraclub.org>

Sent: Tuesday, March 12, 2024 12:26 PM

To: CStaff1 <Cstaff1@crmc.ri.gov>

Subject: Re: Information request, and filing an objection

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Nick Katkevich <nick.katkevich@sierraclub.org>

Mon, Mar 25, 2024 at 2:54 PM

To: asilva@crmc.ri.gov

Cc: Cstaff1 <cstaff1@crmc.ri.gov>, Jeff Willis <jwillis@crmc.ri.gov>, Rich Lucia <rlucia@crmc.ri.gov>

Thank you for this information Amy. Is there a deadline by which objections with these references need to be filed by?

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asilva@crmc.ri.gov <asilva@crmc.ri.gov>

Tue, Mar 26, 2024 at 7:43 AM

To: Nick Katkevich <nick.katkevich@sierraclub.org>

Cc: Cstaff1 <cstaff1@crmc.ri.gov>, Jeff Willis <jwillis@crmc.ri.gov>, Rich Lucia <rlucia@crmc.ri.gov>

Nick-

There is no deadline, but as we are reviewing the last element required before issuing, the sooner the better.

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asilva@crmc.ri.gov <asilva@crmc.ri.gov>

Thu, Mar 28, 2024 at 10:18 AM

To: Nick Katkevich <nick.katkevich@sierraclub.org>
Cc: Jeff Willis <jwillis@crmc.ri.gov>, Rich Lucia <rlucia@crmc.ri.gov>

Nick-

Because we have everything required to turn this draft Assent into a full Assent, and are ready to issue, we will need the objection by COB today.

Thank you

Amy

Amy Silva

Supervising Environmental Scientist, CRMC

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From: asilva@crmc.ri.gov <asilva@crmc.ri.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, March 26, 2024 7:44 AM
To: 'Nick Katkevich' <nick.katkevich@sierraclub.org>
Cc: 'Cstaff1' <cstaff1@crmc.ri.gov>; 'Jeff Willis' <jwillis@crmc.ri.gov>; 'Rich Lucia' <rlucia@crmc.ri.gov>
Subject: RE: Information request, and filing an objection

Nick-

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From: Nick Katkevich <nick.katkevich@sierraclub.org>

Sent: Monday, March 25, 2024 2:55 PM

To: asilva@crmc.ri.gov

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2 messages

Nick Katkevich <nick.katkevich@sierraclub.org>
To: cstaff1@crmc.ri.gov

Wed, Feb 14, 2024 at 3:46 PM

Good afternoon,

I'm hoping to review two applications from Algonquin Gas Transmission. The file numbers are: 2023-05-092 and 2023-10-104

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Nick Katkevich <nick.katkevich@sierraclub.org>
To: cstaff1@crmc.ri.gov

Wed, Mar 6, 2024 at 11:19 AM

Hello,

I am following up to see the status of my request.

Thank you,

-Nick

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