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Dear Supervisor Hay:

Algonquin is continuing its comprehensive analysis of the Access Northeast Project and remains fully committed to providing a regional solution for more reliable and affordable energy service in the Northeast.

Algonquin believes it is prudent to take additional time to solidify the commercial foundation for critically needed infrastructure and to complete its analysis of the Access Northeast facilities. As such, Algonquin expects limited activity on the FERC docket while this evaluation is ongoing. Algonquin will re-engage with FERC Staff, agencies and other interested stakeholders through pre-filing activities during the first half of 2017. Algonquin anticipates filing draft Resource Reports by mid-2017 followed by the FERC Application in late 2017.

Algonquin appreciates the diligent work that has been accomplished to date on the project through the FERC pre-filing process by the FERC staff, agencies and other interested stakeholders. Algonquin will resume providing updates in the monthly progress reports in 2017 as the project advances.

As always, please let me know if you have any questions or concerns.

Wishing you and yours a wonderful Holiday Season and a Happy and Healthy New Year.

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