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Mr. Howard McMillan, Executive Director
U.S. Department of Transportation
Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration
East Building, 2nd Floor
1200 New Jersey Ave., SE
Washington, D.C. 20590

Dear Director McMillan:

We write to express serious concerns regarding Enbridge, Inc.'s (formerly Spectra Energy) proposal to construct a compressor station in Weymouth, Massachusetts and to strongly urge the Pipeline and Hazardous Material Safety Administration (PHMSA) to conduct a risk assessment of Enbridge's plan for the Weymouth compressor station before construction begins.

As you know, Enbridge intends to locate a compressor station within a short distance of nearly one thousands homes and dozens of schools.¹ Additionally, the station's proposed location is less than one tenth of a mile from a sewage pump and water treatment facility operated by the Massachusetts Water Resource Authority (MWRA).² FERC's Environmental Assessment of the Atlantic Bridge Project describes the MWRA facility as located in the "immediate vicinity of the proposed Weymouth Compressor Station."

Title 49 Section 192.163 of the Code of Federal Regulations, which concerns pipeline safety under PHMSA, states that a compressor station "must be far enough away from adjacent property, not under control of the operator, to minimize the possibility of fire being communicated to the compressor building from structures on adjacent property."³ Due to the proximity of the sewage pump and water treatment facility to the compressor station's proposed site, the PHMSA should immediately review whether the proposed siting for the compressor station is in violation of PHMSA regulations.

In light of existing regulations and the potential danger presented by the proposed location of the Weymouth compressor station, we respectfully request that the PHMSA conduct a full risk assessment of the compressor station project as soon as possible.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter.

¹ Trufant, J. "Lawmakers blast air quality plan for Weymouth compressor station." *The Patriot Ledger* (Apr. 26, 2017). Online at: <http://www.patriotledger.com/news/20170426/lawmakers-blast-air-quality-plan-for-weymouth-compressor-station> .

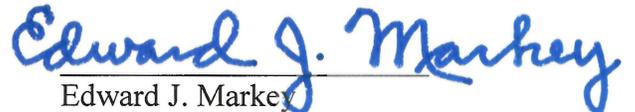
² "Atlantic Bridge Project: Environmental Assessment." Office of Energy Projects. *Federal Energy Regulatory Commission* (May 2016). Online at: <https://www.ferc.gov/industries/gas/enviro/eis/2016/CP16-9-000-EA.pdf>

³ 49 CFR §192.163. Online at: <https://www.ecfr.gov/cgi-bin/retrieveECFR> .

Sincerely,



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