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Re: Responses to Staff Questions Regarding Access Northeast Subscription Process in Investigation into Potential Approaches to Mitigate Wholesale Electricity Prices

Dear Mr. Speidel:

Algonquin Gas Transmission, LLC (“Algonquin”) and Spectra Energy Partners, LP (“Spectra Energy”) hereby provide the following responses to Staff of the New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission’s follow-up questions regarding the Access Northeast subscription process on behalf of Access Northeast:¹

1. Why did Access Northeast conduct the Open Season?

Access Northeast conducted the Open Season to gauge interest from other potential shippers in the region in addition to the interest we had received from electric distribution companies (“EDCs”).

2. Did the LDCs express interest during the Open Season?

The Access Northeast project received some interest from local distribution companies (“LDCs”) from the Open Season, but LDC volume will comprise only a small portion of the total project. Due to commercial sensitivity, Access Northeast respectfully declines to disclose the specific amount of LDC volume at this time; however, 0.9 BCF per day is dedicated to EDCs and as previously stated, the total project capacity is up to 1 BCF per day.

3. How will the LDC interest affect Access Northeast?

The project scope will be expanded to serve the LDC volume. These LDC customers will not take away from the EDC volume. As discussed above, the EDCs will continue to receive 0.9 BCF per day, or the equivalent of 5,000 MW in incremental gas supply.

¹ “Eversource Energy Service Company”, a subsidiary of Eversource Energy, National Grid Transmission Service Corporation, an unregulated wholly owned subsidiary of National Grid USA, Spectra Energy Corp., and Spectra Energy Partners, LP are working to develop the Access Northeast Project.

Spectra Energy and Algonquin appreciate the opportunity to provide these responses on behalf of the Access Northeast project developers. Please direct any questions to Richard J. Kruse (713-627-5368) or Janice K. Devers (713-627-6170).

Sincerely,

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