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Mr. Jon Wellinghoff
Chairman
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
888 First Avenue, N.E.
Washington, D.C. 20426

Re: *New Jersey-New York Expansion Project – Texas Eastern-Algonquin-Spectra Energy*, FERC Docket No. PF10-17-000

Dear Chairman Wellinghoff:

On behalf of the New York Building Congress, I am writing in support of Spectra Energy's proposed natural gas pipeline between New York and New Jersey. This pipeline will significantly increase New York City's supply of natural gas, the cleanest burning fossil-fuel source of energy.

The New York Building Congress is a non-partisan coalition of business, labor, professional, and governmental organizations serving the design, construction and real estate industry. The Building Congress supports sound public policy that promotes productive capital spending and smart, safe investment in our energy resources.

Despite the economic downturn, New York City once again is experiencing near-record levels of energy consumption in 2010. By 2012, the City's energy supply may be insufficient as demand continues to increase. By 2015, the City's annual energy costs are expected increase by as much as \$3 billion, which for individual households translates to an additional \$300 - \$400 in energy bills. A copy of our most recent *Electricity Outlook* report is enclosed.

We are confident that Spectra Energy's proposed natural gas pipeline can be a safe, reliable part of efforts to meet this growing demand. Virtually the entire pipeline is designed to comply with the US Department of Transportation Class 4 specification, the most stringent standard used for gas pipelines. Spectra has furthermore voiced a commitment to continue working to create a route that is sensitive to community and environmental needs.

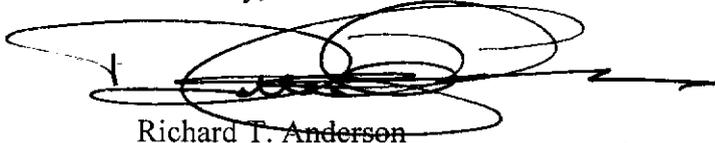
In the end, approval of this pipeline will result in a significant increase in supply (up to 800 million cubic feet) of much needed domestic clean-burning natural gas,



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stabilization of energy prices, and a cleaner city. For these reasons, the New York Building Congress urges your approval.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Richard T. Anderson", is written over a horizontal line. The signature is highly stylized and somewhat illegible due to overlapping loops and a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Richard T. Anderson
President

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