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H. R. 309

To require the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission to revoke a certificate of public convenience and necessity issued under section 7 of the Natural Gas Act as such certificate applies to the Weymouth Compressor Station, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 13, 2021

Mr. LYNCH introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Pipeline and Com-
5 pressor Safety Verification Act of 2021”.

6 **SEC. 2. REVOCATIONS.**

7 (a) WEYMOUTH COMPRESSOR STATION.—

1 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 30 days after
2 the date of enactment of this Act, the Federal En-
3 ergy Regulatory Commission shall issue an order re-
4 voking the certificate of public convenience and ne-
5 cessity authorizing the construction and operation of
6 the Atlantic Bridge Project and issued under section
7 7 of the Natural Gas Act (15 U.S.C. 717f) on Janu-
8 ary 25, 2017, as such certificate applies with respect
9 to the proposed Weymouth Compressor Station in
10 Weymouth, Massachusetts.

11 (2) FUTURE ACTIONS.—After issuing an order
12 under paragraph (1), the Federal Energy Regulatory
13 Commission may not, with respect to the proposed
14 Weymouth Compressor Station in Weymouth, Mas-
15 sachusetts, issue a certificate of public convenience
16 and necessity under section 7 of the Natural Gas
17 Act (15 U.S.C. 717f) or take any other action ap-
18 proving the Weymouth Compressor Station, unless
19 and until the Commission receives written certifi-
20 cation that the construction and operation of the
21 Weymouth Compressor Station will not pose a dan-
22 ger to surrounding residential communities and the
23 general public from each of the following:

1 (A) The Secretary of the Executive Office
2 of Public Safety and Security for Massachu-
3 setts.

4 (B) The State Fire Marshal for Massachu-
5 setts.

6 (C) The Director of the Massachusetts
7 Pipeline Safety Division.

8 (b) WEST ROXBURY LATERAL.—

9 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 30 days after
10 the date of enactment of this Act, the Federal En-
11 ergy Regulatory Commission shall issue an order re-
12 voking the certificate of public convenience and ne-
13 cessity authorizing the construction and operation of
14 the Algonquin Incremental Market Project and
15 issued under section 7 of the Natural Gas Act (15
16 U.S.C. 717f) on March 3, 2015, as such certificate
17 applies with respect to approximately 4.1 miles of
18 16-inch-diameter pipeline and approximately 0.8
19 miles of 24-inch-diameter pipeline off of the I–4 Sys-
20 tem Lateral of Algonquin Gas Transmission, LLC,
21 in Norfolk and Suffolk Counties, Massachusetts
22 (commonly known, and in this subsection referred
23 to, as the “West Roxbury Lateral”).

24 (2) FUTURE ACTIONS.—After issuing an order
25 under paragraph (1), the Federal Energy Regulatory

1 Commission may not, with respect to the West
2 Roxbury Lateral, issue a certificate of public conven-
3 ience and necessity under section 7 of the Natural
4 Gas Act (15 U.S.C. 717f) or take any other action
5 approving the West Roxbury Lateral, unless and
6 until the Commission receives written certification
7 that the construction and operation of the West
8 Roxbury Lateral will not pose a danger to sur-
9 rounding residential communities and the general
10 public from each of the following:

11 (A) The Secretary of the Executive Office
12 of Public Safety and Security for Massachu-
13 setts.

14 (B) The State Fire Marshal for Massachu-
15 setts.

16 (C) The Director of the Massachusetts
17 Pipeline Safety Division.

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