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**Statement of Position to
the Task Force Authorized by
E.O. 26 and P.A. No. 02-95
State of Connecticut**

The above state laws establish a Task Force to undertake a review and analysis of all pending proposals for permanent large-scale gas or electric transmission projects, including those crossing Long Island Sound (LIS) and electric transmission proposals in Southwestern Connecticut. The Task Force is also charged with preparing a comprehensive environmental assessment and plan for meeting the state's energy needs giving consideration to the minimal disruption of the resources of LIS. The E.O. 26 deadline is January 1, 2003 and the P.A. 02-05 deadline is June 3, 2003.

FERC has siting authority over two pending natural gas projects that will impact LIS¹ and one other gas project in Connecticut.² FERC does not have any other related siting authority for pending energy projects in Connecticut. I will advise the Task Force as a staff technical expert in FERC matters. However, as I was designated a non-decisional employee in the pending proceedings by notice issued on June 26, 2002, pursuant to 18 C.F.R. ' 385.102(a) and ' 385.2201(c)(3), I am foreclosed from advising the Commission on the disposition of the pending projects. Moreover, I will abstain from any Task Force votes regarding the pending projects or any other relevant matters pending before the FERC. My goal is to bring to the Task Force a regional and national perspective, and to be a readily accessible resource on FERC policy, procedures and actions.

¹ Islander East Pipeline Company, L.L.L. CP01-384, et al., Algonquin Gas Transmission Company CP01-387; and Iroquois Gas Transmission System, L.P. CP02-52.

² Iroquois Gas Transmission System, L.P. CP02-31.