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Department of State Finds Extension of Iroquois Natural Gas Pipeline Consistent with Coastal Management Program

ALBANY -- (June 19, 2002) -- Secretary of State Randy A. Daniels today announced that the Department of State has determined that the proposed extension of the Iroquois natural gas pipeline is consistent with the policies of the New York State Coastal Management Program and therefore may be authorized by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission and the Army Corps of Engineers.

The 36.4 mile extension will add to Iroquois' existing 337-mile long pipeline, which begins at the Canadian border near Waddington, New York, crosses Western Long Island Sound from Connecticut and comes ashore at the Long Island Power Authority generating facility in Northport on Long Island.

The approved extension will interconnect with the existing pipeline at Northport and go through Long Island Sound into the East River to the Bronx. It will deliver approximately 230,000 dekatherms or 230,000,000 cubic feet of natural gas per day for electric generation for residential, commercial, and industrial uses in New York City.

"After a thorough review, the proposed Iroquois pipeline extension has been determined to be consistent with both the State's Coastal Management Program and the City of New York Waterfront Revitalization Program," said Secretary Daniels. "The applicant's proposed route was designed to avoid sensitive coastal resources and construction will avoid in-water disturbances by using directional boring and trenching with a high pressure water jet. The project is consistent with Governor Pataki's goal of bringing affordable energy to the New York City area while at the same time ensuring the protection of natural resources."

The Department of State's Division of Coastal Resources is responsible for reviewing projects for consistency with the State's Coastal Zone Management Program under the Federal Coastal Zone Management Act. The Coastal Management Program is governed by a set of enforceable policies which address fish and wildlife resources in the State's coastal area, public waterfront access and recreation, public water supplies, dredging and disposal of dredged material, tidal and freshwater wetlands, economic development and other issues.

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