

1 STATE OF CONNECTICUT

SITING COUNCIL

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ALGONQUIN GAS TRANSMISSION COMPANY * APRIL 11,
2002 *
AND ISLANDER EAST COMPANY, LLC, * (12:30 PM)
APPLICATION FOR A CERTIFICATE OF *
ENVIRONMENTAL COMPATIBILITY AND PUBLIC *
NEED: * DOCKET NO
221 *

ALGONQUIN GAS TRANSMISSION CO., PROPOSES *
TO CONSTRUCT A NEW GAS COMPRESSOR STATION * NEAR EAST
JOHNSON AVENUE, ROUTE 10 AND *
INTERSTATE 691 IN CHESHIRE, AND TEST AND * UPGRADE
ITS EXISTING NATURAL GAS PIPELINE * FACILITIES IN
CHESHIRE, WALLINGFORD AND *
NORTH HAVEN *

- AND -

EAST COMPANY, LLC, PROPOSES TO *
CONSTRUCT A NEW METER STATION AT 67 *
LAYDON AVENUE IN NORTH HAVEN AND A *
24-INCH DIAMETER NATURAL GAS PIPELINE AND *
ASSOCIATED EQUIPMENT FROM NORTH HAVEN *
THROUGH EAST HAVEN, NORTH BRANFORD, *
BRANFORD, AND ACROSS LONG ISLAND SOUND *
TO LONG ISLAND, NEW YORK *
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BEFORE: MORTIMER A. GELSTON, CHAIRMAN

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1 Verbatim proceedings of a hearing
2 before the State of Connecticut Siting Council in the
3 matter of Algonquin Gas Transmission Company and
4 Islander East Company, LLC for a Certificate of
5 Environmental Compatibility and Public Need, held at
6 Central Connecticut State University, Institute of
7 Industrial and Engineering Technologies, on April 11
8 2002 at 12:30 PM at which time the parties were
9 represented as hereinbefore set forth

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12 CHAIRMAN MORTIMER A. GELSTON: Ladies
13 and Gentlemen, this hearing is called to order this day
14 on Thursday, April 11, 2002 at 12:30 p.m.

15 My name is Mortimer A. Gelston and I'm
16 Chairman of the Connecticut Siting Council. Other
17 members of the Council here today are Brian Emerick,
18 designee for Commissioner Rocque, Department of
19 Environmental Protection; Gerald F. Heffernan, designee
20 for Commissioner Downes, Department of Public Utility
21 Control; Edward S. Wilensky; Brian O'Neill; Daniel P.
22 Lynch, Jr.; Philip T. Ashton; Colin C. Tait; and Pamela
23 B. Katz. Members of the staff here today are S. Derek
24 Phelps, our Executive Director; Paul M. Aresta, who is

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1 personally aware of any restoration of clam beds. But
2 I would like to have Roman Zajac speak about the
3 potential for restoration after construction

4 MS. GILSON: Thank you.

5 DR. ZAJAC: The question of restoration
6 certainly is an important one. And there's two kinds
7 of things that have to be looked at. There is the
8 natural process by which these habitats will be
9 restored through just natural processes as I said. And
10 most of these beds, it's my understanding, are
11 primarily harvested for hard clams. Hard clams live
12 within the sediments, and as such we're not talking
13 about having shell on there or things that would be
14 occurring with oysters beds, so let's make that clear.
15 So the fact that the habitat itself is primarily of
16 muds, then post-construction restoration post-
17 construction natural recovery of the habitat should
18 occur within three or four years

19 Active restoration of clam beds with
20 regards to hard shell clams is in its infancy really
21 And there are studies that are being done and projects
22 that are being done in Chesapeake Bay for example and
23 also down in the Gulf states. But these really are
24 projects that have -- that only started within the last