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Ms. Magalie R. Salas
Secretary
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
888 First Street, N.E.
Washington, DC 20426

Re: Islander East Pipeline Company, L.L.C.
Docket Nos. CP01-384-000, CP01-385-000, CP01-386-000.

Dear Secretary Salas:

I am writing about the above referenced Islander East Pipeline Company, LLC project.

As you may be aware, Islander East is proposing to construct a new natural gas transmission pipelin from Connecticut, across the Long Island Sound, to eastern Long Island. Recently, I had th opportunity to attend a LIMBA (Long Island Mid-Suffolk Business Alliance) meeting where Tin Sciaraffa, Director of Business Development for Islander East, presented a very comprehensiv overview of the project. From her presentation, it was made clear that the demand for natural gas i Nassau and Suffolk Counties is growing by 8 percent a year, above the national average, and Islande East would like to pro-actively prepare to meet this need.

I am aware that these energy needs are particularly increasing on eastern Long Island where residential growth has placed demands on the current energy sources that also exceed the national average. The western towns in Suffolk County cannot continue to shoulder the responsibility o providing the Island's energy needs alone. Islander East's proposal will add an addition level o service and economic investment to the areas that are likely to need them in the future.

I understand that Islander East has committed to following national environmental preservation guidelines and will implement soil erosion and sediment control measures as issued by the Commission. The company will also be complying with a full range of state and federal rules applying to wetlands areas.

LR1-1 If the Islander East Pipeline project can help meet our Island's future energy needs while minimizing the impact to Long Island's sensitive natural resources, I respectfully ask FERC to favorably consider the issuance of a certificate of public convenience and necessity in this matter.

Sincerely,

Pamela J. Greene
Councilwoman

LR1-1 Thank you for your comment.