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February 6, 2012

Ms. Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary  
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission  
888 First Street, NE  
Washington, DC 20426

Re: Application of Millennium Pipeline Company, LLC  
Docket No. CP11-515, Response to Notice of Revised Schedule for Environmental  
Review

Dear Ms. Bose:

On July 14, 2011, Millennium Pipeline Company, LLC ("Millennium" or the "Company") filed an application in the docket number referenced above requesting a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity pursuant to Section 7(c) of the Natural Gas Act.<sup>1</sup> The Company seeks to construct and operate the Minisink Compressor Project (the "Project"), which consists of a new compressor station and related facilities located in the Town of Minisink, New York. In a notice dated January 26, 2012, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (the "Commission" or "FERC") issued a schedule for the completion of Commission Staff's Environmental Assessment ("EA") for the Project. The New York Public Service Commission ("NYPSC") supports FERC's schedule and respectfully requests that the Commission maintain its schedule as set forth in the January 26<sup>th</sup> notice, to provide a thorough and timely decision in this matter.

Without taking a substantive position on the project at this time, NYPSC notes that the schedule for the EA, as set by FERC, would provide a decision before the summer. However, any delay in the EA review process will likely prevent the Project from coming on-line for the winter.

Within its application, Millennium states that the Project will increase firm deliveries to its interconnection with Algonquin Gas Transmission, LLC to

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<sup>1</sup> 15 U.S.C. §717f(c).

approximately 675,000 dekatherms per day (Dth/day).<sup>2</sup> Millennium continues and states the Project will also permit bi-directional gas flow capabilities within its pipeline between its station at Corning, New York and the new project-compressor station.<sup>3</sup> NYPSC has not performed its own review of the Project or its environmental impacts, and notes that a thorough review is necessary. However, if the Company's claims are true, the Project will greatly assist the reliability of the New York City natural gas supply, which feeds much of the electrical power in a highly compressed market. Moreover, continued expansions on the Millennium system will likely cause rate reductions for end-users. The likely reduced cost of natural gas could also affect the price of electricity in the New York City market. Therefore, the Project offers a significant impact on the reliability and cost of service within a demanding market.

NYPSC agrees with the Commission's intent to ensure a thorough environmental impact review of the Project. The schedule created by FERC provides the opportunity for a robust review of public comments and of the impact from the Project. NYPSC requests that while FERC Staff continues to perform its comprehensive review, the Commission remains mindful of the importance of keeping with the schedule it had previously set.

Respectfully submitted,



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cc: All Parties

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<sup>2</sup> CP11-515-000, Abbreviated Application of Millennium Pipeline Company, L.L.C. for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity, (July 14, 2011).

<sup>3</sup> Id.