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Chairman Laura Swett
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
888 First Street NE
Washington, DC 20426

Re: Docket Nos. CP13-499-006 and CP13-502-003

Dear Chairman Swett:

I write on behalf of the Northeast Gas Association (NGA) to express support for the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's prompt, thorough review and favorable action on the Constitution Pipeline and Wright Interconnect projects. NGA's members deliver natural gas to over 13 million customers across the region, and we see firsthand that additional interstate natural gas transportation capacity into the Northeast is essential to maintaining safe, reliable, and affordable energy service for homes, businesses, and critical facilities, particularly during sustained cold weather events.

In 2026, Winter Storm Fern and the extended cold that followed tested the region's energy systems and underscored that much of our infrastructure is operating at or near maximum capacity. While the Northeast avoided widespread electric outages, the event demonstrated how regional reliability depends on natural gas supply and deliverability, and how thin the margin can be when extreme weather persists for days.

Proactive investment in new natural gas infrastructure, along with expanded storage capability, is needed to ensure dependable service and price stability in the Northeast. On peak winter days, local gas utilities and interstate pipelines can and do perform at very high levels, but they are increasingly asked to do so at the edge of system capability. Adding incremental, modern pipeline capacity can provide operational flexibility, improve resilience during prolonged cold snaps, and reduce the likelihood of extreme price spikes that ultimately flow through to consumers.

This project is designed to move up to approximately 650,000 dekatherms per day of firm transportation service from production areas in Pennsylvania to markets in New York and New England. Additional deliverability of this scale would directly address well-documented winter constraints, support reliability for heating customers, and help stabilize fuel supply for gas-fired





generation when electricity demand is highest. In turn, greater infrastructure capacity can strengthen affordability and reduce reliance on higher-emitting, higher-cost alternative fuels during constrained periods. Importantly, Williams, the owner and operator of the project, has noted that no material environmental issues have arisen since the 2014 environmental reviews, and the project would likely be an environmental and safety benefit today, as it would reduce reliance on trucked deliveries of gas and more carbon intensive fuels like oil.

More broadly, NGA supports the responsible development of additional natural gas pipeline capacity in the Northeast. The region's experience during Winter Storm Fern illustrates that constrained deliverability is not a hypothetical concern, it is a predictable operational challenge during peak periods. FERC's continued leadership in evaluating and, where warranted, authorizing needed infrastructure can improve resilience, reliability, and help ensure that consumers are not forced to rely on costlier, less efficient, higher emitting alternatives when demand is highest.

Thank you for your consideration of these comments. I respectfully urge the Commission to act expeditiously to advance an outcome that supports energy reliability, resiliency, and affordability for the Northeast.

Sincerely,

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