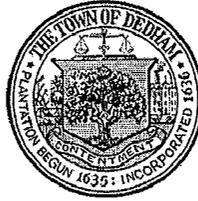


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U.S. District Court Acts on Dedham's Complaint and Motion for Preliminary Injunction Against FERC and Algonquin

On July 15, 2015, the United States District Court denied the Motion for Preliminary Injunction that Dedham filed against the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) and Algonquin Gas Transmission, LLC. The Motion asked the Court to order FERC to suspend pipeline construction in Dedham by Algonquin, while FERC considers Dedham's request to reconsider its approval of the pipeline project. The Court also dismissed the Complaint Dedham filed, which also asked that construction be suspended during FERC's reconsideration process.

In its Complaint and Motion, Dedham argued that FERC has a duty to suspend construction while it considers Dedham's request for reconsideration, because the reconsideration process may be ineffective if construction is completed before FERC takes action on the request.

The District Court ruled that, under federal law (specifically, the Natural Gas Act), it does not have the power to order FERC to suspend the project. The District Court noted that, if FERC denies Dedham's request for reconsideration and does not rescind approval of the project, then Dedham can appeal that decision to the Court of Appeals for the First Circuit.

The District Court also noted that claims such as the one filed by Dedham in the District Court may be filed in the Court of Appeals for the First Circuit. However, over the last 40 years, Courts of Appeals have routinely denied such requests, even where ongoing construction had very widespread and damaging impacts.

During the Court's hearing on this matter, representatives of FERC informed the Court that FERC is carefully considering Dedham's request for reconsideration, along with a number of other requests for reconsideration filed by other interested parties.

Dedham's Selectmen remain concerned that an out-of-state corporation, with the approval of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, can install a high pressure, high volume natural gas pipeline under a youth soccer field and through congested residential neighborhoods while failing to fully respond to our request for a rehearing of our concerns. We will continue objecting to this route because of the serious health and safety issues it presents.