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MARTIN J. WALSH
MAYOR

November 28, 2016

The Honorable Norman C. Bay
Chairman
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
888 First Street, NE
Washington, DC 20426

Re: West Roxbury, Massachusetts Pipeline Public Safety Concerns

Dear Chairman Bay,

I am writing you today to make you aware of the City of Boston's major public safety concerns with the lack of information sharing by Spectra related to the West Roxbury Lateral pipeline segment. As more specifically detailed in the attached letter to Spectra from my Commissioners of the Boston Police Department and Boston Fire Department, respectively, Spectra had originally promised to share both the meter station security plan and the heat release map to the City. Recently, the City was advised that the meter station security plan was not public information, and would not be shared so that the City can effectively plan for and respond to an emergency related to the pipeline. Additionally, although requested, the City has not received the heat release map which is essential for evacuation planning in the case of an emergency.

I am hopeful that Spectra will be responsive, and work with the City to ensure that all appropriate safety measures are taken. I ask that you review the attached correspondence and assist the City in receiving the information it needs to effectively protect the public. Most importantly, I stand with the residents of West Roxbury in asking you to suspend your recent approval to Spectra to make the pipeline operational until such information is made available to the City. Thank you in advance for any assistance you can provide, and please feel free to contact one or both of us should you need further information.

Sincerely,

Martin J. Walsh
Mayor of Boston

cc: William B. Evans, Boston Police Commissioner
Joseph E. Finn, Boston Fire Commissioner