

Information Request NEER-4-1

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- (a) What quantity of MMBtu/day of incremental capacity and supply will the Access Northeast project be able to provide for uses other than electric generation (i.e., what amount in excess of the 900,000 MMBtu/day for power generation)?
- (b) Please identify all parties with whom Algonquin Gas Transmission or the pipeline joint venture has engaged in discussions or negotiations regarding the potential purchase of the capacity and supply offered by the ANE project other than for purposes of electric generation. Provide all related term sheets, draft or final contracts, memoranda of understanding.
- (c) What prices has AGT or the pipeline generator offered to prospective purchasers of ANE capacity for purposes other than electric generation?
- (d) Did National Grid request most favored national status to ensure that ratepayers pay the most favorable prices for transportation capacity on ANE, including for purposes other than electric generation? If not, explain why not.
- (e) Will National Grid's affiliate in the pipeline joint venture have the opportunity to receive revenue or profit from use of the ANE pipeline other than for purposes of electric generation?
- (f) Please describe all measures, if any, taken to ensure that the proposed contracts do not subsidize use of the pipeline for purposes other than electric generation.

Response:

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- (b) Access Northeast conducted an open season in first quarter 2015, seeking indications of project interest from market participants. Participation in the open season consisted of seven non-EDC participants for a total of 1,185,000 Dths of capacity requests above the 900,000 Dths of interest submitted by the EDCs.
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Revised Response:

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