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The Honorable Paul R. LePage
Governor
1 State House Station
Augusta, ME, 04333

Dear Governor LePage,

I am in receipt of your August 14, 2014 letter in which you highlight the importance of our region's ongoing energy infrastructure initiatives. I share many of your concerns regarding New England's unprecedented energy challenges and the impact these challenges have on our consumers and our citizens.

Your letter suggests that Massachusetts has decided not to continue to support additional natural gas capacity for New England. Let me be clear, Massachusetts remains committed to working as a region to solve New England's most pressing energy challenges, including the need for additional clean energy resources such as renewables and large hydro, the associated transmission of these sources, as well as the need to address natural gas capacity constraints.

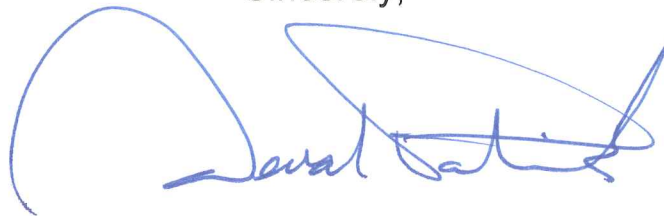
We must, however, continue to understand the region's evolving needs as well as the short and the long-term impacts these infrastructure investments will have. That is why I have directed my staff to review and update existing analysis on a low demand scenario and natural gas needs. For Massachusetts, this has also necessitated a delay in filing a pipeline related tariff with the Federal

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Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC). Future generations will rely on the infrastructure decisions we make today and we must ensure these decisions have been given careful consideration.

I remain committed to working together on these important issues and look forward to continued progress.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "David L. LePage". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "D" and "L".

Cc: The Honorable Dan Malloy, Governor of Connecticut
The Honorable Maggie Hassan, Governor of New Hampshire
The Honorable Lincoln Chafee, Governor of Rhode Island
The Honorable Peter Shumlin, Governor of Vermont