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Iroquois Pipeline to Bring Natural Gas to Vermont

Shelton, CT—The Iroquois Pipeline Operating Company announced today its plans in cooperation with Energy East Corp. (NYSE: NEG) and the Vermont Energy Park Holdings, LLC, (VEPH) of Rutland, Vt., to bring a much-needed supply of natural gas to the state of Vermont.

"Most of the earlier proposals we've reviewed were designed to transport gas through Vermont. This proposal to bring new energy sources to Vermont has the potential to provide many positive benefits to the region," said Craig Frew, Iroquois' President.

Iroquois will construct a lateral extension of about 55 miles in length, from a location on its existing mainline near Albany, N.Y. to the vicinity of Bennington, Vt. where it will link with a new localized distribution system constructed by Energy East and VEPH to serve customers in the southern part of the state. All parts of the proposed project are subject to appropriate state and federal review and permitting requirements.

"Iroquois is encouraged by the commitment of Vermont's regulatory bodies to develop a strong energy infrastructure to serve the state," said Herb Rakebrand, Vice President of Marketing and Transportation. "This project will bring with it real benefits for economic development, more jobs, and energy independence for the state of Vermont."

The Iroquois Pipeline Operating Company is wholly owned by the Iroquois Gas Transmission System, L.P.