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Attn: The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

It is with great passion that we, the United Church of Christ clergy of Weymouth, Massachusetts, denounce the initiative by Spectra Energy of Houston, Texas to build two gas compressors to be sited at the base of the Fore River Bridge in North Weymouth, Massachusetts.

As members of the FERC, you already know the environmental implications of this project if it were to move forward. We are here to express the moral and ethical implications. We are people of faith who are called to protect the environment and to protect one another. We believe, as so eloquently stated in Psalm 24, that *"The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it, the world, and those who live in it; for he had founded it on the seas, and established it on the rivers"* (Psalm 24:1). God created this great planet and entrusted it to us. It is now our duty to protect and preserve it for future generations.

The future is what is in peril. Not only is each one of us created in God's image, but so will be our future children and grandchildren. God created us all to have "dominion" over the earth, not destruction.

"So God created humankind in his image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them. God blessed them, and God said to them, 'Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it; and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth.'" (Genesis 1:27-28)

In order to fulfill our call as stewards of God's great creation, we request that you deny Spectra this project.

Peace be with you all,

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