



Pipeline Expansions in Massachusetts

Projects and shifting political sentiment

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A high-pressure interstate pipeline system that carries gas long distances across state lines.

AGT LLC is also the company that owns the pipeline.

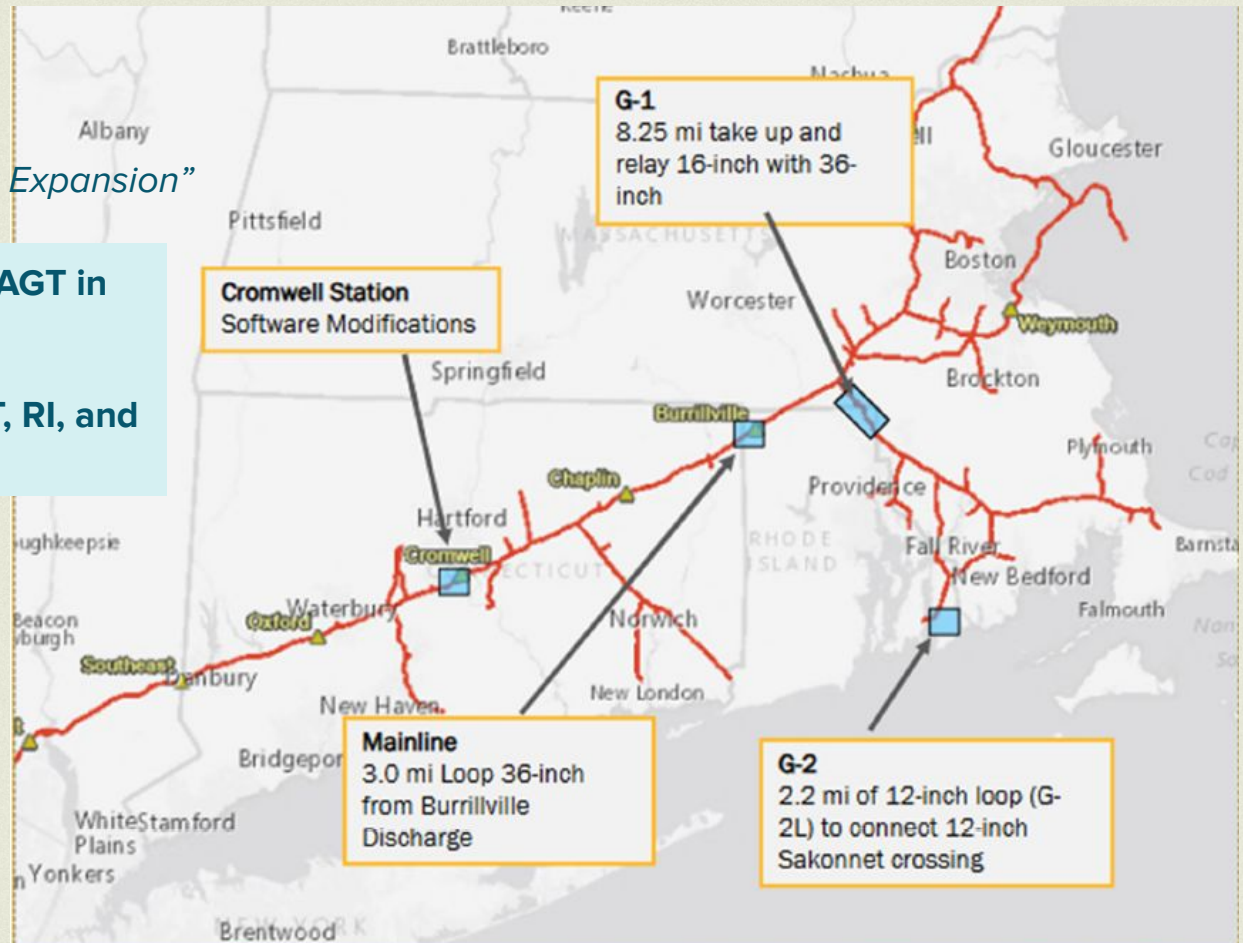


R.A.R.E

“Reliable Affordable Resilient Expansion”

An expansion project along AGT in
the pre-filing stages.

This expansion will affect CT, RI, and
MA



Project Beacon

Just closed “Open Season” where they gauge interest for the expansion.

The project is slated to be multiple times the size of R.A.R.E



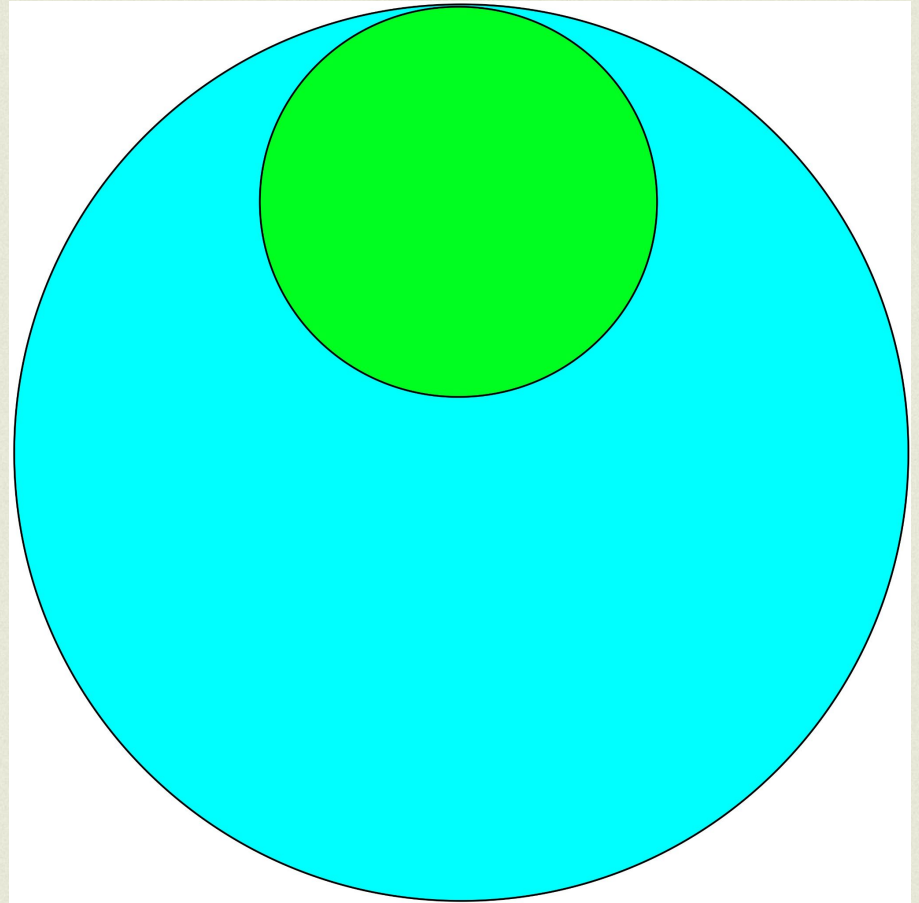
R.A.R.E in MA

Where: Mendon, through Bellingham, Franklin, and Wrentham MA, and then Cumberland, RI.

What: 8.25 miles of 16 inch diameter pipeline is being replaced with 36 inch diameter.



This expansion would allow over 5 times more volume of gas to travel through and be stored in this section of the G-1 lateral.



What pipeline expansion means for our state

1. Increased Reliance on Fossil Fuels

The lifetime of these pipelines is upwards of 60 years, well past when Massachusetts is obligated to reach net-zero

2. Higher Energy Costs

The cost of pipeline projects is a “pass through” cost, meaning it will be reflected in the supply charges of our energy bills. Gas itself is expensive and volatile, so increasing reliance on it will only increase our bills.



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3. Ecosystem Disruption

The construction of a pipeline expansion leads to the destruction of ecosystems through the creation of temporary roads, storage spaces, and access to previously undisturbed lands.



4. Exposure to Leaks and Explosions

All gas pipelines leak methane at a much higher rate than reported. Methane is flammable and over the past 20 years, there have been an average of 300 pipeline incidents every year.

MASSACHUSETTS ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY ACT PROCESS:

1. **AGT filed an Environmental Notification Form that allows agencies and the public to review Algonquin's disclosed environmental impacts and their consideration of alternatives.**
 - a. **The Secretary issued a certificate outlining the scope of the environmental review**
2. **AGT then files a Draft Environmental Impact Review (DEIR) responding to the scope that the Secretary laid out in their certificate. Another opportunity for public comment.**
 - a. **The EEA decides whether the DEIR complies with MEPA.**

Gov. Healey's "All of the Above" approach includes fossil fuels

- Moving the conversation away from climate towards "energy affordability"
- Similar to other New England governors seeking re-election

Shifting sentiments on fracked gas and pipelines

In 2015, Attorney General Maura Healey commissions a study that finds that no new natural gas pipelines are needed in Massachusetts

In 2022, while running for Governor, Healey campaigned on her pipeline cautious position

In 2025, Governor Healey voiced support for the R.A.R.E. expansion of the AGT and her DPU approved Eversource's contract to purchase 40% of the added capacity

In 2026, EEA Secretary Rebecca Tepper sent a letter to the New England Power Generators Association asking them to buy capacity from Project Beacon

**We can't count
on our state
administration
to prevent gas
expansion**

