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Below is a brief description of three projects proposed by the industry to improve pipeline capacity into CT and other New England states. These projects needed active support from the legislature and the administration to get the required permits and utility contracts.

Enbridge proposed Access Northeast in partnership with Eversource Energy and National Grid to bring cheap natural gas from Pennsylvania into New England. Enbridge initiated the FERC permitting process in November 2015, hoping to commission it by the end of 2018. The capital cost for the project was \$ 3 billion; the project would not have added additional pipelines but would instead have upgraded 125 miles of the Algonquin pipeline system. While it had both MA and CT administration support, it was opposed by legislators and activists. The legislature would not allow the utilities to have long-term contracts, which the sponsors required to finance the project. Enbridge and its partners suspended the project in June 2017. The firms blamed inconsistent energy policies across the Northeast states.

The **Constitution Pipeline** was proposed by Williams and backed by partners Duke, Cabot, and AltaGas. The proposed 124-mile pipeline would connect natural gas production in Pennsylvania to northeastern markets, with a capacity to transport 650 million cubic feet per day (MMcf/d) of natural gas. The 30-in. pipeline would have extended from Susquehanna County, Pennsylvania, to the Iroquois Gas Transmission and Tennessee Gas Pipeline systems in Schoharie County, New York. After an eight-year regulatory battle, Williams announced Feb. 2000 that it was cutting off investment in the proposed project. Williams recorded a \$354 million impairment of the Constitution Pipeline project.

The Algonquin Incremental Market Project and The Atlantic Bridge Project would expand the Algonquin pipeline and the Maritimes & Northeast pipeline. This project was proposed in 2015 by Enbridge. While it got initial approvals from regulators, the activists took them to court, which ruled to vacate the permits on Federal law. The Federal government did not intervene. Enbridge suspended the project in 2020.