

# DISMISS LNG APPLICATION

The time has come for the U.S. Federal Energy Regulatory Commission to dismiss, outright, the seriously flawed Downeast LNG application for an LNG import facility at Robbinston, Me.

News this week that Spectra Energy, the operators of the Maritime and Northeast Pipeline that serves New England, plan to reverse the flow of natural gas, to bring shale gas from the north-central United States to serve the New England and Maritimes region, should effectively put the nail in the coffin of Downeast LNG.

That's because all Downeast LNG proposals have hinged on the theory gas brought to Robbinston by sea would then be pumped to the pipeline to serve markets to the south. That plan flies in the face of a burgeoning U.S. natural gas market, but Downeast LNG has held fast to its specious dream, despite clear signs industry will adequately serve New England's future gas needs with domestic product.

With plans to reverse the pipeline flow announced, there is no market left. The flow of natural gas will, if the reversal is approved, only go northward, into New Brunswick, which is already served by the Canaport facility in Saint John.

Downeast LNG can no longer hold onto its fantasy.

Lacking suitable land, rights of way on both land and water and now, a market, Downeast LNG has been reduced to an impossibly flawed project. For that reason, FERC must dismiss the application and thus end almost a decade of concern for area residents.