

RESOLUTION OPPOSING THE TENNESSEE GAS PIPELINE COMPANIES APPLICATION FOR THE EXPANSION OF THE COMPRESSOR STATION IN WEST MILFORD

WHEREAS, the recent Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) report highlights the urgent need for immediate actions to sharply reduce fossil fuel use. The report concludes that global net human-caused emissions of greenhouse gases (GHGs) need to fall by 45 percent from 2010 levels by 2030 to avoid catastrophic climate change; and

WHEREAS, Governor Murphy's Executive Order 100 committed the State to achieving 80% GHG reductions by 2050 and 100% clean energy by 2050; and

WHEREAS, the Tennessee Gas Pipeline Companies application for their East 300 upgrade project which includes the expansion of the existing compressor station in Sussex County and the construction of a new compressor station in West Milford will cause irreparable harm to the environment; and

WHEREAS, the compressor station expansion will negatively impact the environment and public safety by permitting the transportation fracked gas through New Jersey and promotes the continued use of fossil fuels; and

WHEREAS, because material being transported is highly flammable and dangerous, a leak or explosion could threaten communities and destroy important habitat while adding even more pollution; and

WHEREAS, the pipeline will bring more environmental degradation and pollution to New Jersey while supplying gas to New York and no benefits to New Jersey residents and

WHEREAS, the new compressor station planned for West Milford NJ, would be located within the Highlands Preservation area, next to a C1 stream and above the Monksville & Wanaque Reservoirs and

WHEREAS, the compressor station will release methane, ethane, MTBEs, nitrous oxides and other greenhouse gases. The construction of the compressor station also raises safety concerns because it is next to drinking water.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners of the County of Somerset, in the interest of protecting public safety and the environment, declare Somerset County's opposition to Tennessee Gas Pipeline Companies application for their East 300 upgrade project .

I, Kelly L. Mager, Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Somerset in the State of New Jersey, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of a Resolution adopted by said Board of County Commissioners at its annual meeting of February 9, 2021.

Kelly L. Mager
Kelly L. Mager, Clerk of the Board

Approved as to Form and Legality

Joseph DeMarco
Joseph DeMarco, County Counsel

