

**RESOLUTION 2015-40**

**TOWNSHIP OF NORTH HANOVER  
COUNTY OF BURLINGTON**

**A RESOLUTION URGING NEW JERSEY NATURAL GAS COMPANY TO  
MEET WITH THE RESIDENTS OF THE AFFECTED MUNICIPALITIES AND  
COUNTIES AND TO CONSIDER ALTERNATE ROUTES FOR ITS SOUTHERN  
RELIABILITY LINK NATURAL GAS TRANSMISSION PIPELINE PROJECT  
IN NEW JERSEY**

**WHEREAS,** The New Jersey Natural Gas Company is planning to construct a new natural gas transmission pipeline called the "Southern Reliability Link" to feed the southern portion of the utility's service territory in Ocean and Burlington counties; and

**WHEREAS,** the proposed 28 mile, 30-inch diameter high-pressure transmission pipeline would run from Chesterfield Township in Burlington County and traverse North Hanover Township in Burlington County, Upper Freehold Township in Monmouth County, Plumsted Township in Ocean County, and Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst before connecting with the utility's transmission system in Manchester Township, Ocean County; and

**WHEREAS,** the pipeline is a transmission pipeline only and therefore would not provide natural gas service to any of the municipalities along the propose pipeline route; and

**WHEREAS,** many critical environmental and natural resources would be impacted by the proposed pipeline, and residents of local communities along t he proposed pipeline route will be negatively affected by the development, construction, and ongoing operation of the pipeline; and

**WHEREAS,** the proposed route of the pipeline would also have a significant impact on local roads, school bus routes, and privately owned lands including farms, businesses, and residences, and may lower the value of surrounding properties in the communities along the proposed pipeline route; and

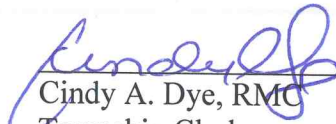
**WHEREAS,** alternate routes away from residential areas, including those that follow the Jersey Central Power and Light Company right-of-way and federal land areas of the Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst, would mitigate the negative impact of the pipeline on affected communities, schools, residents, and the environment.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Mayor and Township Committee of the Township of North Hanover, County of Burlington, State of New Jersey as follows:

1. The Township urges New Jersey Natural Gas Company to meet with the residents of the municipalities and counties affected by the proposed route of the Southern Reliability Link natural gas pipeline project prior to its submission of a proposed route to the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities to discuss the adverse effects and negative impact it could have on the environmental and surrounding communities it would transgress.
2. The Township of North Hanover also strongly urges the New Jersey Natural Gas Company to consider the designation of an alternate route away from residential areas that follows the Jersey Central Power and Light Company right-of-way or federal land areas of the Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst, which would mitigate the negative impact of the pipeline.
3. Copies of this resolution, as filed with the Secretary of State, shall be transmitted by the Municipal Clerk of the Township of North Hanover to: Lawrence M. Downes, Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer of New Jersey Resources; Kathleen T. Ellis, Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer of New Jersey Natural Gas; New Jersey Senate President Stephen Sweeney; New Jersey Assembly Speaker Vincent Prieto; 12<sup>th</sup> Legislative District; 10<sup>th</sup> Legislative District; Anthony J. Alexander, Executive Chairman of the Board, First Energy Corporation; James V. Fakult, President, Jersey Central Power and Light Company; New Jersey Board of Public Utilities; Commissioner of the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection; Burlington, Monmouth and Ocean Counties Board of Chosen Freeholders; Mayor and Councils of Chesterfield Township, Upper Freehold Township, Plumsted Township, Manchester Township and Colonel James Hodges, Commander, Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst.

COMMITTEE	MOTION	2ND	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Committeewoman Butler			X			
Deputy Mayor Delorenzo			X			
Committeeman Moscatiello		X	X			
Committeeman Quackenboss	X		X			
Mayor Durr					X	

I do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and exact copy of a Resolution adopted by the Mayor and Township Committee of North Hanover Township on March 19, 2015.

  
 Cindy A. Dye, RMC  
 Township Clerk