

**TOWNSHIP OF MANSFIELD
COUNTY OF BURLINGTON**

RESOLUTION 2015-12-7

**OPPOSING THE TRANSCONTINENTAL GAS PIPELINE COMPANY (TRANSCO) COMPRESSOR
STATION PROJECT.**

WHEREAS, the Transcontinental Gas Pipeline Company (Transco), a subsidiary of William Partners Company, is implementing an expansion project throughout New Jersey, including providing additional service to the New Jersey Natural Gas company to construct the Southern Reliability Link (SRL) Pipeline Project, and

WHEREAS, the project includes installation of a new 35,000 horsepower, electric motor-driven compressor station and associated electrical substation on the Transco Trenton Woodbury Lateral in Burlington County, N.J that feeds natural gas into the SRL Pipeline Project; and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee of the Township of Mansfield is concerned that the Transco Compressor Station will be used to transmit natural gas into the SRL Pipeline Project, which passes within 100 feet of over 140 homes along its route; and

WHEREAS, the Committee is concerned about the potential risks the Transco Compressor Station poses to the health and safety of the people in nearby homes and business; and

WHEREAS, it is understood that the Transco Compressor Station will be staffed by one person on weekdays only from 9am to 5pm, and will be remotely monitored by Williams/Transco from Texas the remainder of the week and entire weekend; and

WHEREAS, over the past three years, there were explosions and fires at at least four Williams/Transco Compressor Station, most recently in Branchburg, New Jersey, in which 13 construction workers were injured and two were hospitalized; and

WHEREAS, local firefighters are concerned they will have no ability to extinguish a gas compressor or pipeline fire, only to secure an area, while waiting for Williams/Transco to send workers to shut off the gas.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, Township Committee of the Township of Mansfield, in the County of Burlington, the following recitals are incorporated as of December 9, 2015

1. The Committee opposes the Transco Compressor Station
2. The Committee calls for a moratorium on any and all planning, proposal, surveying, or construction on the Transco Compressor Station
3. Because these projects will traverse and negatively impact numerous significant natural areas and the resources of the municipality and the Pinelands region, the Committee requests a full environmental review, be conducted to assess the myriad environmental consequences of the project.
4. The Committee seeks the cooperation of other similarly located and affected townships asking that all nearby affected townships adopt a similar resolution
5. The Committee adopts, and call upon similarly situated municipalities to adopt a resolution authorizing each Township to join together to enter their appearance in any proceeding before the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, Federal Energy Regulatory , and any other regulatory authority, so that by their strength of numbers they may successfully oppose this project projects and have the ability to cause the termination of the project so as to prevent environmental degradation and to protect the public health and safety.
6. The Mansfield Township Committee strongly urges the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission and the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection to reject the recently filed Petitions by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

7. The Committee directs the municipal clerk to forward copies of this resolution to the following:

1. NJ Governor Chris Christie
2. State Senator Addiego
3. Assemblyman Howarth
4. Assemblywoman Rodriguez-Gregg
5. State Senator Allen
6. State Assemblyman Conaway Jr.
7. State Assemblyman Singleton
8. Pinelands Commission Executive Director Nancy Wittenberg and Commissioners
9. The New Jersey Board of Public Utilities
10. The New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection
11. Food & Water Watch, 100 Bayard Street, 2nd Floor, New Brunswick, NJ 08901
12. The Pinelands Preservation Alliance, 17 Pemberton Road, Southampton, NJ 08088
13. All Burlington County Municipal Committees
14. Colonel Frederick Thaden, Commander, Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst
15. Ocean, Burlington, and Monmouth County Freeholders
16. Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

MOTION:

SECOND:

ROLL CALL VOTE:

AYES:

NAYS:

ABSENT: NONE

ABSTAIN:

CERTIFICATION

I, **LINDA SEMUS, RMC, CMR**, Municipal Clerk of the Township of Mansfield, County of Burlington, State of New Jersey do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true and correct copy of the Resolution adopted by the Mansfield Township Committee, County of Burlington, State of New Jersey at their Regular Meeting held on December 9, 2015 at 7:30 PM at the Municipal Complex.

LINDA SEMUS, RMC, CMR, Municipal Clerk

11/23/15