

**TOWNSHIP OF HOPEWELL  
MERCER COUNTY, NJ**

**RESOLUTION #15-356**

**A RESOLUTION TO OBTAIN A CUMULATIVE ENVIRONMENTAL  
IMPACT STATEMENT ANALYSIS OF ALL IMPACTS BY THE PENNEAST  
PIPELINE, THE CRESTWOOD MARC II PIPELINE, THE GARDEN STATE  
EXPANSION PROJECT, AND THE SOUTHERN RELIABILITY LINK PROJECT  
AND OPPOSE THE REVIEW OF THESE PIPELINES AS SEGMENTS  
OF THIS INTERDEPENDENT SYSTEM**

**WHEREAS**, the Crestwood Partners Marc II is a new gas pipeline in northeastern Pennsylvania which terminates at its connector with the proposed PennEast Pipeline and is interdependent upon the proposed PennEast pipeline; and

**WHEREAS**, Transcontinental Gas Pipe Line Company, LLC (“Transco”) has proposed new construction and operation of added natural gas facilities in New Jersey called the Garden State Expansion Project, FERC Docket No. CP15-89-000; and

**WHEREAS**, the Garden State Expansion pipeline, if built, is planned to connect at Transco’s compressor Station 205 on Cold Soil Road; and

**WHEREAS**, New Jersey Resources through its subsidiary New Jersey Natural Gas, which is a shareholder and partner of PennEast Pipeline Company, LLC, has the largest precedent contract for a term of 15 years with PennEast for 180,000 dekatherms per day of capacity from the proposed PennEast pipeline; and New Jersey Natural Gas also has a 15 year precedent contract with Transco for the same 180,000 dekatherms of daily capacity to Transco’s Garden State Expansion Project; and

**WHEREAS**, a new proposed, separate, 28 mile long intra-state high pressure transmission pipeline project called Southern Reliability Link as planned will be connected with the proposed PennEast pipeline via the Garden State Expansion Project, FERC Docket # CP15-89-000; New Jersey Natural Gas Co., a partner in the PennEast LLC, plans to build this new greenfields intra-state gas pipeline through the protected Pinelands; and

**WHEREAS**, the proposed PennEast pipeline has a common owner with the proposed Southern Reliability Link – namely New Jersey Natural Gas Co.; and

**WHEREAS**, New Jersey Natural Gas Co.’s agreement with Transco for the Garden State Expansion project and the Garden State Expansion Project has only one customer, namely New Jersey Natural Gas’s Southern Reliability Link Project; and

**WHEREAS**, Transco’s Garden State Expansion application with the FERC repeatedly states, the Garden State Expansion Project is for transportation service alone: “New Jersey Natural Gas will be responsible for contracting directly with suppliers of natural gas and arranging for the deliveries of gas supplies to be transported from Transco’s Station 210 Zone 6 Pool to its new delivery point on Transco’s Trenton Woodbury Lateral located at the Chesterfield Meter Station.”

**WHEREAS**, if PennEast pipeline is built, it is planned to terminate at its Transco connector so Transco’s compressor Station 205 located on Cold Soil Road will transmit its capacity; and

**WHEREAS**, Transco's Garden State Expansion project is designed to carry 180,000 daily dekatherms from the PennEast pipeline terminus of PennEast to the beginning of New Jersey Natural Gas Co.'s Southern Reliability Link and the Southern Reliability Link pipeline has been planned to receive and transport 180,000 daily dekatherms from the Garden State Expansion pipeline into New Jersey Natural Gas' system; and

**WHEREAS**, these four (4) new pipelines (PennEast, Crestwood Marc II, Garden State Expansion Project, and Southern Reliability Link) are all segments of one dependent pipeline system; each segment is interdependent upon the others, each segment interconnects and there are contracts and capacity for exactly the same daily capacity of 180,000 dekatherms in firm supply from PennEast; and

**WHEREAS**, the proposed PennEast pipeline has been the subject of Township Resolutions, Comments, Letters, and a Board of Health Resolution following a Public Hearing; and

**WHEREAS**, the FERC has released an Environmental Assessment dated November 2015 of the Garden State Expansion Project for public comment due on or by December 4, 2015; and

**WHEREAS**, it is in the interest of the Township of Hopewell to take all appropriate actions including intervention at the FERC regarding new proposed infrastructure and facilities that if constructed will become interdependent segments of the proposed PennEast pipeline and that will cumulatively impact the Township and its residents; and

**WHEREAS**, the construction and connection of the PennEast pipeline to Transco's infrastructure for transmission through Transco's Stations 205, 203, and 210 of 180,000 dekatherms per day of gas from the proposed PennEast pipeline into the Garden State Expansion Project lines and the Southern Reliability Link Project, will certainly cause irreparable harm to the environment and resources of Hopewell Township; and

**WHEREAS**, based upon the above facts these four projects are a de facto single project with a single purpose, and as a result, they should be reviewed as such by the FERC in a thorough cumulative analysis of all impacts from every proposed segment; and,

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** on this 16<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2015, by the Township Committee of the Township of Hopewell, County of Mercer, State of New Jersey that the Township Committee shall hereby take steps necessary to obtain a cumulative Environmental Impact Statement analysis of all impacts by the PennEast pipeline, the Crestwood Marc II pipeline, the Garden State Expansion Project, and the Southern Reliability Link Project and oppose the review of these pipelines as segments of this interdependent system.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that a copy of this Resolution be distributed to Governor Chris Christie, U.S. Senator Robert Menendez, U.S. Senator Cory Booker, Congresswoman Bonnie Watson Coleman, Congressman Leonard Lance, Members of the 15<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, and 23<sup>rd</sup> Legislative Districts, Mercer County Executive Brian Hughes, Mercer

County Board of Chosen Freeholders, New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, PennEast Pipeline Company, LLC, Affected Municipalities in Luzerne, Carbon, Northampton and Bucks Counties in Pennsylvania, Affected Municipalities in Hunterdon and Mercer Counties in New Jersey, New Jersey State League of Municipalities, The New Jersey Conservation Foundation, The Sierra Club, The Delaware Riverkeeper, Friends of Hopewell Valley Open Space, The Stony Brook-Millstone Watershed Association, Delaware River Basin Commission and Hopewell Township Citizens Against the PennEast Pipeline (HTCAPP).

Date Adopted: November 16, 2015

**CERTIFICATION**

**I HEREBY CERTIFY THE FOREGOING TO BE  
A TRUE COPY OF A Resolution ADOPTED  
BY THE HOPEWELL TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE  
AT A MEETING HELD**

November 16, 2015

DATE

Laura Faria Deputy Clerk for  
LAURIE E. GOMPF, MUNICIPAL CLERK

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