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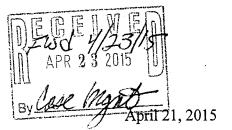
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VIA FEDERAL EXPRESS

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Re: In the Matter of the Petition of New Jersey Natural Gas Company for a

Determination Concerning the Southern Reliability Link Pursuant to N.J.S.A.

40:55D-19 and N.J.S.A. 48:9-25.4

Dear Mr. Sheehan:

Enclosed please find my correspondence to representatives of New Jersey Natural Gas and the enclosure therein designating an alternate practical route on behalf of the Township of Upper Freehold.

Thank you for your kind attention.

Very truly yours,

DENNIS A. COLLINS

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Cc: Township of Upper Freehold

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Dear Gentlemen:

Pursuant to my discussion with Mr. Valeri, I enclose a Certified Resolution of the Township of Upper Freehold designating an alternate practical route pursuant to the Statute in the above-referenced matter.

If you have any questions, please contact me.

Very truly yours,

DENNIS A. COLLINS

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RESOLUTION 106-15

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A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSH'P COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF UPPER FREEHOLD DESIGNATING A PRACTICABLE ROUTE REGARDING THE PETITION FOR DETERMINATION CONCERNING THE SOUTHERN RELIABILITY LINK PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A.40:55D-19 AND N.J.S.A. 48:9-25.4 FILED BY THE NEW JERSEY NATURAL GAS COMPANY

WHEREAS, the Township of Upper Freehold (the "Township") has received from New Jersey Natural Gas Company ("NJNG") its Petition for a Determination Concerning the Southern Reliability Link Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40:55D-19 and N.J.S.A. 48:9-25.4 (the "SRL Petition"), filed with the Board of Public Utilities on April 2, 2015; and

WHEREAS, the Township has reviewed the SRL Petition in full, considered the requests contained therein and investigated practicable alternate routes through the Township; and

WHEREAS, the Township recognizes that NJNG has designated the following route in its SRL Petition, described from west to east:

Arneytown-Hornerstown Road (CR 27) to Millstream Road to Monmouth Road (CR 537); and

WHEREAS, the Township considers the service of the Petition as a request to designate the route through the Township as contained therein; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, in accordance with <u>N.J.S.A.</u> 48:9-25.4, that the Township has decided to designate as a practicable route the following route in Upper Freehold, described from west to east:

Province Line Road (also known as Ellisdale Arneytown Road) to Monmouth Road (CR 537); and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Township Attorney is directed to serve upon and provide notice to NJNG and file with the Board of Public Utilities a certified copy of this resolution as well as provide courtesy copies to any entity designated on an official service list.

I hereby certify that the above resolution was duly adopted by the Township Committee of the Township of Upper Freehold at its regularly scheduled meeting of April 16, 2015.

Dana Tyler, RMC Municipal Clerk APR 15 2015 COLLINS, VELLA & CASELLO, L.L.C.

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Re:

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Dear Mr. Sheehan:

Please be advised that pursuant to N.J.S.A. 48:10-10 and the statutes/regulations applicable to the above-referenced matter, enclosed please find a copy of the Township of Upper Freehold's initial objection to the relief sought by the utility.

Thank you for your kind attention.

Very truly yours,

DENNIS A. COLLINS

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VIA FAX 973-325-1501 & REGULAR MAIL

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Dear Gentlemen:

Please be advised that pursuant to N.J.S.A. 48:10-10 and the statutes/regulations applicable to the above-referenced matter, this shall be notice to the utility that the Township of Upper Freehold objects to Petition filed by your office. In particular, the Township objects to your request for designation of the proposed route as well as any findings related to the Township of Upper Freehold Ordinance, which is not within the jurisdiction of the Board of Public Utilities.

By copy of this letter, we are providing same to the Board of Public Utilities via hand delivery.

Very truly yours,

DENNIS A. COLLINS

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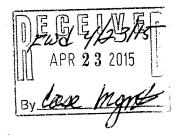
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New Jersey Board of Public Utilities 44 South Clinton Avenue – 9th Floor PO Box 350 Trenton, NJ 08625-0350



RE: IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF NEW JERSEY NATURAL

GAS COMPANY FOR DETERMINATION CONCERNING THE

SOUTHERN RELIABILITY LINK PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40:55d-19 and

N.J.S.A. 48:9-25.4;

and IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF NEW

JERSEY NATURAL GAS COMPANY FOR APPROVAL AND

AUTHORIZATION TO CONSTRUCT AND OPERATE THE SOUTHERN

RELIABILITY LINK PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 14:7-1.4

Docket Nos. GE15040402 and G215040403

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To Whom It May Concern:

Enclosed with this letter you will find a Notice of Motion to Intervene by Burlington County Board of Chosen Freeholders, a Brief in Support of Burlington County Board of Chosen Freeholder's Motion to Intervene, and a Certification of Joseph T. Brickley, P.E., in Support of Burlington County Board of Chosen Freeholder's Motion to Intervene, with regard to both of the above-mentioned matters.

If you have any questions regarding this submitted material, please do not hesitate to contact our office. Thank you for your kind assistance in this regard.

Respectfully submitted,

William R. Burns, Esquire

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IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF NEW JERSEY NATURAL GAS COMPANY FOR DETERMINATION CONCERNING THE SOUTHERN RELIABILITY LINK PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40:55D-19 AND N.J.S.A. 48:9-25.4 NOTICE OF MOTION TO INTERVENE BY BURLINGTON COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS

DOCKET NO. GD15040403

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PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that this Notice of Motion is being filed in accordance with N.J.A.C.1:1-16.1, 1:1-16.2, and 1:1-16.3;

PLEASE TAKEN FURTHER NOTICE that the Burlington County Board of Chosen Freeholders waives oral argument unless timely opposition is received.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the Burlington County Board of Chosen Freeholders shall rely upon the attached Certification of Joseph T. Brickley, P.E.

By:

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I hereby certify that a copy of the within Notice of Motion and supporting documents were served upon all parties within the time prescribed by New Jersey Administrative Code.

Dated: April 22, 2015

By:

WILLIAM'R. BURNS, ESQ. NJ Attorney ID #: 018892001 CAPEHART SCATCHARD, P.A.



STATE OF NEW JERSEY BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES

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IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF NEW JERSEY NATURAL GAS COMPANY FOR DETERMINATION CONCERNING THE SOUTHERN RELIABILITY LINK PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40:55D-19 and N.J.S.A. 48:9-25.4

CERTIFICATION OF JOSEPH T. BRICKLEY, P.E. IN SUPPORT OF BURLINGTON COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS' MOTION TO INTERVENE

DOCKET NO. GE15040403

Joseph T. Brickley, P.E., being of full age certifies as follows:

- 1. I am a licensed professional engineer and have been dully appointed County Engineer for the Burlington County Board of Chosen Freeholders ("County") for five years.
- 2. The facts set forth herein are true and correct based upon personal knowledge and/or to the best of my information and belief.
- 3. I am fully familiar with the facts and circumstances surrounding the above captioned application submitted by New Jersey Natural Gas, and have reviewed the application and exhibits filed by New Jersey Natural Gas with the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities.
- 4. On April 2, 2015, New Jersey Natural Gas Company ("NJNG") filed an application with The New Jersey Board of Public Utilities pursuant to N.J.A.C. 14:7-1.4(a) seeking approval to install and operate approximately 28 miles of 30-inch transmission pipeline with a maximum allowable operating pressure of 722 pounds per square inch gauge that will be located in portions of Burlington, Monmouth and Ocean Counties.
- 5. The proposed pipeline will transport natural gas through Burlington County.

- 6. NJNG is proposing to locate a major intrastate gas transmission pipeline on Burlington County owned land within the right of way ("ROW") of Burlington County Routes 528 and 664 in Chesterfield Township and North Hanover Township.
- 7. The County, the residents, adjacent property owners and tax payers of Burlington County will be substantially, specifically, and directly affected by the outcome of the aforementioned application pending before the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities.
- 8. Both County Routes 528 and 664 are County Roads administered, controlled, operated, serviced and owned by Burlington County.
- 9. Both County Routes 528 and 664 ("Routes") are generally unimproved roads that have numerous design deficient including inadequate drainage and a substandard cross-section.
- 10. These routes are limited by a narrow ROW that was established in the early 1800s with no plan or consideration for accommodating future utilities, including natural gas transmission pipelines. Neither route meets current County or State Department of Transportation standards.
- 11. The primary function of the County ROW is to service the County Road, any use of the ROW for utilities is subordinate to the public's use of the ROW.
- 12. Hosting the proposed natural gas transmission pipeline in the narrow County roadway's right of way negatively impacts the County's ability to plan, design and construct future roadway safety improvements which will ultimately result in higher project costs to Burlington County tax payers and will significantly impact the County's budget.
- 13. Specific costs related to hosting the pipeline in the County ROW that substantially, specifically, and directly affect the County include:

- a. Additional costs to the County for acquisition of property to increase the size of the ROW for roadway drainage improvements. Due to the existing narrow ROW, future drainage designs will become very complex and will need to be modified and expanded due to the loss of usable ROW as a result of the intrastate transmission pipeline.
 - b. Increased costs to the County for engineering and construction improvements around and adjacent to a large intrastate natural gas transmission pipeline.
 - c. Additional costs to the County for future road construction as the County will be required to employ specialized construction techniques and monitoring to ensure the safe operation and protection of the pipeline.
 - d. Reduced rates of production by contractors performing work around the pipeline, resulting in higher labor costs ultimately borne by the County and its taxpayers.
 - e. Increased project costs due to a limited pool of qualified contractors who will undertake and perform work in close proximity to a large intrastate transmission pipeline. In addition, those contractors will be required to have extremely high limits of insurance coverage at an increased cost which will ultimately be borne by the County and its taxpayers.
 - f. Increased costs and construction delays for future roadway construction due to NJNG's inability to take the transmission pipeline out service for relocation while maintaining adequate gas service to its customers in Monmouth and Ocean Counties.

- g. Future pipeline relocation work to accommodate roadway construction in all likelihood will require BPU approval resulting in increased engineering costs and construction delays. BPU approval may require that relocation is not permitted without the condemnation and acquisition of additional ROW.
- h. The high cost associated with relocating a major intrastate gas transmission pipeline will result in increased roadway construction costs and delays.
- i. Future roadway maintenance and repair projects undertaken by Burlington County will incur additional costs to coordinate with NJNG to accurately locate the pipeline, perform test pits, conduct survey work and perform traffic control.
- 14. The impacts described above will drastically increase the cost of planning, engineering, construction and maintenance of future roadway improvement projects by 25-50%. Clearly, the application currently pending before the Board will substantially, specifically, and directly impact the County. Simply, the County's fiscal integrity will be directly impacted by the proposed project.
- 15. The existing County Road right-of-way for Routes 528 and 664 is currently occupied by various utility companies to provide utility service to residents of Burlington County and specifically those residents and property owners along the Routes. Local utility service for gas, water and sewer has been planned but not been fully constructed to serve the existing communities.
- 16. The construction by NJNG of an intrastate transmission pipeline, within the constrained ROW of Routes 528 and 664, will interfere with the future expansion of utilities to adjacent residents, homes, businesses and communities.

- 17. Planning, engineering and constructing the expansion of water, sewer and gas along the route will become very complex and may no longer be feasible due to the loss of usable ROW that has now been dedicated to hosting an intrastate pipeline.
- 18. Due to NJNG's intrastate pipeline and the standard of care associated with working in close proximity to a high pressure natural gas transmission pipeline, homeowners and local utility suppliers will incur increased costs for utility expansion. In all likelihood these increased costs will be passed on to the residents, consumers and the County using the utilities.
- 19. To mitigate this impact and burden on the adjacent homeowners and local utility companies, it may be necessary for NJNG to fund the expansion of utilities including water, gas and sewer as previously planned along County Routes 528 and 664. This issue, which has not been addressed by the applicants, will substantially, specifically, and directly impact the residents, taxpayers of Burlington County and the County.
- 20. N.J.A.C. Title 14:7-1.8 requires New Jersey Natural Gas (NJNG) to comply with the standards and requirements of the agency or authority having jurisdiction of the ROW. County Routes 528 and 664 are under the jurisdiction of the Burlington County Board of Chosen Freeholders. The Petition Plans submitted by NJNG do not comply with the current practices and requirements of Burlington County for the following reasons:
 - a. For longitudinal installations of pipelines within roadway ROW, such pipelines shall be located at or immediately adjacent to the outer limit of the ROW. In placing the pipeline within the paved roadway, NJNG did not conform to County's requirement or the NJDOT's requirements of N.J.A.C. Title 16, thereby directly affect the County's ability to administered and govern County roads. As

- a result, the Petition Plans fail to accurately detail the distance of the pipeline from occupied structures and in many cases homes will in fact be closer to the pipeline than detailed on the Plans. The proximately of the pipeline will have a substantial, specific, and direct impact on the County, and the residents and tax payers along the route.
- b. There has been no consideration in the Petition given to construction-related traffic impacts. The Petition Plans show HDD, bore pits located mostly located in the middle of the County road at the expense of the residents and traveling public who will endure long-term road closures.
- c. Considering County requirements that roadwork only occur between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. Monday through Friday this project will take multiple years to complete and will directly impact Burlington County, the motorists and pedestrian's traveling the routes and the adjacent residents and taxpayers. Simply the public will be significantly and adversely impacted by this proposal and the residents and taxpayers of Burlington County and the County will shoulder the vast majority of the burden.
- d. The Petition Plans do not detail how NJNG will mitigate the impacts of hosting a major gas transmission pipeline in the County's ROW. On past projects, utility companies, including NJ American Water and Williams TRANSCO (NJ Turnpike 6 to 9 Widening), have detailed how they intend to mitigate the impacts and have constructed road improvements to mitigate their impacts to the County roads and ROW.

- e. It appears from the petition plans that NJNG is proposing to locate their pipeline and apparatus in direct conflict with present and future supply lines of water, gas and sewer. The intrastate transmission pipeline will affect existing and future local utilities and their expansion, thereby substantially, specifically, and directly impacting adjacent property owners, residents, taxpayers and the County.
- 21. No application has been made to Burlington County by New Jersey Natural Gas (NJNG) for route designation, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 48:9-25.4. The County must have the opportunity to review, discuss and resolve the route designation issue as the Route the decision will have a direct, substantial, and specific impact on the residents, taxpayers and County of Burlington, and the County will be forced to shoulder the majority of that impact. It is respectfully submitted, that that County has a statutory right pursuant to N.J.S.A. 48:9-25.4, as the route has not be designated to be an intervener in this matter.
- 22. The use of an alternate alignment through existing utility ROW and/or preserved farmland has not been adequately investigated or documented in the Petition. Any use of preserved farmland, and/or County property including the ROW and beyond will substantially, specifically, and directly impact adjacent landowners and the County.

 NJNG, at least at this time, has decided to locate the pipeline in the ROW. The residents of Burlington County and the County will be substantially, specifically, and directly impacted by the proposed route.
- 23. Though New Jersey Natural Gas is aware of the County's roadwork requirements the petition and plans fail to adequately address construction related traffic impacts. The motorist on the routes, resident and taxpayers and the County will be substantially, specifically, directly, and adversely affected by the traffic impact. Traffic impacts should

- be a major component of the Petition for Construction and Operation and the BPU should require NJNG to address this issue with the County and impacted Municipalities prior to approving any Petitions.
- 24. NJNG does not include information regarding sections of proposed roadway closures and associated detours. Due to the nature of the project area, limited detour route options exist. The County has investigated several detour scenarios along the project route. The detours are up to 6.45 miles in length and use mainly roads under municipal jurisdiction. These local roads are not designed to accommodate the 6300+ vehicles that use County Route 528 and 664 daily. Additionally, many of these roads have substandard geometry and may also have weight restrictions in place. The motorists and pedestrians who use the proposed routes and the proposed detours will along with County taxpayers and residents and the County will be substantially, specifically, directly and adversely impacted the proposed project.
- 25. In order to close a County Road, approval from the Burlington County Board of Chosen Freeholders is required. To date, NJNG has not requested or obtained such approval. Approvals from Chesterfield Township and/or North Hanover Township are required to use municipal roads for detours and/or for the closure of municipal roads. To date, NJNG has not obtained such approvals. Additionally, approval from the County is required to use a County Road as part of a detour. To date, NJNG has not requested or obtained any such approval. The County requires work to be performed under one lane alternating traffic (lane closure). The Permit Plans do not include information regarding work zone traffic control. The County and County agencies including the Department of

- Roads and the Sheriff Department will be directly and substantially impacted by this project.
- 26. The County's standard for allowing work within the ROW is from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. The Petition Plans do not contain nor has NJNG provided information regarding proposed working hours.
- 27. It appears that NJNG's optimum production (working with full roadway closures with no restrictions on working hours) will be 300 feet per day per crew. NJNG have also stated that working under restricted hours with alternating traffic, will take six times longer to complete the project. The length of the proposed route in Burlington County is seven miles. Of those seven miles, only 2800 feet is outside of the County right-of-way. Therefore, New Jersey Natural Gas is proposing to construct 34,160 feet of pipeline within County roadway ROW. At 300 feet per day of production, it will take 23 weeks to complete the project with no restrictions. At six times the optimum rate of production, NJNG will be impacting County Roads for over 2.5 years. The proposed project and specifically the issues related to traffic, county road closures and detours substantially, specifically, and directly impact Burlington County.
- 28. The Petition states that there are to be multiple construction crews working simultaneously on different sections of the project. NJNG has not provided, nor do the Petition Plans provide, information regarding the starting point and/or progression of construction activities. This appears to require multiple lane closures occurring concurrently, which will substantially, specifically, and directly impact Burlington County. It is important to note that Burlington County has not permitted multiple lane closures occurring concurrently all lane closures and specifically the implied multiple

- lane closures by the applicant will substantially, specifically and directly impact the County.
- 29. Petition Plans show the use of the horizontal directional drill (HDD) method of construction to avoid impacts to wetlands, bridges and other structures along the project route. However, Petition Plans show bore pits located in the cente. of the roadway in different locations, which will necessitate road closures. Additionally, no information regarding the required footprint of the construction operation (area of bore pit and length needed for pullback) is provided on the plans. Again the County will be adversely impacted by the application and proposed road closures.
- 30. The construction of this pipeline will have a tremendous negative impact on motorists, including County employees and vehicles, using the County's road network. Over 6300 vehicles daily will have to endure excessive delay due to construction activities for over 2.5 years.
- 31. Based on the foregoing it is respectfully submitted that the residents, taxpayers, employees of Burlington County, and the Board of Chosen Freeholders of Burlington will be substantially, specifically, and directly affected by the outcome of the pending application as such seek leave to intervene. Moreover, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 48:9-25.4, as the County has not been afforded the opportunity to designate the route, the County has a statutory right to intervene in this matter.

I hereby certify that all of the foregoing statements are true and correct to the best of my knowledge information and belief and that if any of the statements of fact contained herein are willfully false I am subject to punishment.

Joseph T. Brickley, P.E.

Sworn to and subscribed Before me on this the 22nd day of April 2015.

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