



BOARD OF LEGISLATORS
COUNTY OF WESTCHESTER,
STATE OF NEW YORK

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Resolution No. - 2014

**To ensure public safety and health
regarding Spectra Energy's Algonquin Incremental Market (AIM) natural gas pipeline,
compressor and metering stations expansion project**

WHEREAS, Algonquin Gas Transmission, LLC, a wholly-owned subsidiary of Spectra Energy Partners, submitted Resource Report #9 in Docket # CP14-96-000 which does not reflect aggregate (existing and proposed) and cumulative emissions from compressor stations, metering stations, and pipelines in the entire Algonquin Incremental Market project;

WHEREAS, peer-reviewed scientific studies indicate that emissions from compressor stations and other shale gas infrastructure are associated with negative health impacts;

WHEREAS, peer-reviewed scientific studies and the World Health Organization link exposure between air pollution and neurological, cardiovascular, respiratory and other health impacts;

WHEREAS, the current emissions will be significantly increased by the expansion of the Southeast and Stony Point compressor stations, and other gas pipeline infrastructure and operations (including but not limited to metering and regulating stations, pipelines, valves, fittings and pigging operations) and the tri-state region including Rockland, Westchester, and Putnam counties is already considered a non-attainment zone for air quality standards according to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and exceeds the limits for pollutants such as ground level ozone and particulate matter;

WHEREAS, there is presently no advanced notification for all planned compressor station and other gas pipeline infrastructure and operations blowdowns, either full or partial, or immediately following any unplanned partial or full blowdowns in order for residents and public officials to take prompt emergency measures;

WHEREAS, the location of the AIM pipeline within close proximity to the Indian Point Nuclear Facility and 40 years of spent fuel rods, and intersects with two proposed high voltage power lines, and in close proximity to a significant seismic zone, poses a risk of catastrophic damage with profound long-term impacts on the region;

WHEREAS, materials and contaminants in the gas pipeline include Radium precipitate, Radon and its decay products, Lead and Polonium, many of which are known carcinogens;

WHEREAS, Algonquin Gas Transmission, LLC (AGT) has safely operated pipelines in Westchester County for more than 60 years;

WHEREAS, the AIM project will utilize local union labor and provide more than 300 short-term construction related jobs in Westchester County;

WHEREAS, the Westchester County Board of Legislators feels duty bound to protect the health and safety of all County residents and of all workers associated with the project;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that an independent air emissions baseline assessment be conducted in the areas directly impacted by the proposed compressor and metering and regulating stations modifications before permitting, and be monitored by an independent expert acceptable to industry, local government officials, advocates and the public, funded by Spectra Energy, and that continuous emissions monitoring be conducted and results of the continuous monitoring of air, water, land and all other environmental impacts be reported daily to the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation the United States Department of Environmental Protection Agency and made available to the public in a transparent manner, and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the best available mitigation technologies and practices be required to be installed on all components of the existing and proposed expansion of Algonquin Pipeline's compressor and metering stations including electric compressor engines, zero emission dehydrators, blowdown prevention, vapor recovery units, and methane capturing equipment and practices outlined by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, and if gas-driven engines are used instead of preferred electric engines, that selective catalytic reduction must be installed, and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, effective immediately, advanced notification of all planned blowdowns, either full or partial, and notification within 30 minutes following any unplanned partial or full blowdowns of the Stony Point and Southeast compressor stations and other gas pipeline infrastructure and operations (including but not limited to metering and regulating stations, pipelines, valves, fittings, and pigging operations) be given to the County of Westchester in order to alert all residents, police, fire departments and municipalities within Westchester County, and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that a comprehensive and transparent Health Impact Assessment (HIA), as outlined by the Centers for Disease Control and the National Academy of Sciences, be conducted by an independent entity acceptable to industry, local government officials, advocates and the public, and funded by Spectra Energy, and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that this comprehensive and transparent Health Impact Assessment (HIA) cover cumulative short-term and long-term as well as direct and indirect impacts of all infrastructure components and operations of the AIM project, including compressor stations emissions and blowdowns, metering and regulating stations emissions, and pipeline leakage prior to construction, during construction, during normal operations and during blowdowns and accidental release events, with a thorough analysis of all materials and contaminants in the pipeline, including Radium precipitate, Radon and its decay products, Lead and Polonium, and with a thorough analysis of the proposed Pipeline Inspection Gauge (PIG) launching staging areas and the handling, storage, cleaning, and disposal of PIGs, PIG wastewater, PIG launcher and all other associated equipment with PIG operations, and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that a comprehensive, independent and transparent risk assessment of the potential catastrophic explosion of a 42" diameter high-pressure pipeline in close proximity to Indian Point Nuclear Facility and a significant seismic zone be conducted, and that assessment should be funded by Spectra Energy, to be completed in accordance with CFR Federal Law 50.59 and 10 CFR 100.20 regarding changes to site, and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Westchester County Board of Legislators opposes any construction of maintenance facilities located near schools, parks, houses of worship, business or residential districts or any other population centers and any current existing facilities near such locations be moved along the right-of-way, and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that Spectra Energy comply with New York State Law since it has one of the highest standards of environmental protection by undergoing a full Environmental Impact Statement to comply with the requirements of the New York State Environmental Quality Review Act and minimize and mitigate any negative environmental impacts, and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be sent to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission and all Involved Agencies with the request that the health, safety and planning concerns stated in this resolution be addressed and mitigated in the environmental review and all other review processes before project permissions be granted.

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