



## TOWN OF NORTH SALEM

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OFFICE OF THE TOWN CLERK  
VERONICA E. HOWLEY

### RESOLUTION #57-15 ALGONQUIN GAS PIPELINE

Motion made by Supervisor Lucas  
Seconded by Councilwoman Rosmarin

- ATTACHED -

Supervisor Lucas - Aye  
Councilman Aronchick - Aye  
Councilman Bobolia - Nay  
Councilman Kamenstein - Abstained  
Councilwoman Rosmarin - Aye  
Resolution Adopted.

**SEAL**

*I, Veronica E. Howley, Town Clerk of the Town of North Salem, County of Westchester, State of New York, do certify that the above is a true and exact copy of a Resolution adopted by the Town Board of said Town at a meeting held on February 10, 2015.*

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**Veronica E. Howley**  
**Town Clerk**

**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 including respiratory, developmental, neurological and cardiovascular problems, leukemia, and breast, kidney and liver cancer;

**WHEREAS**, the current emissions will be significantly increased by the expansion of the Southeast compressor station and the region including Putnam, Rockland and Westchester 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 and the design and construction of this pipeline would cause additional release of chemicals into the air thus adding to the existing air which already exceed EPA standards,

**WHEREAS**, there is presently no advanced notification for all planned compressor station 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**, after being asked in writing by Supervisor Lucas to be included in the notification for said blowdowns the Town of North Salem received a letter dated August 11, 2014, from John Sheridan Director of State Governmental Affairs, Spectra Energy saying they were "neither required nor necessary" to provide that information and was told, "Algonquin's operations are regulated by U.S. Department of Transportation and the NYS DEC. Since Algonquin has no facilities in the Town of North Salem, notification is neither required nor necessary."

**WHEREAS**, the location of the AIM pipeline within close proximity to the Indian Point Nuclear Facility and 40 years of spent fuel rods and in close proximity to a significant seismic zone, poses a risk of damage with profound long-term impacts on the region and further study of the safety of this plan should be conducted;

**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**, significant concerns have been raised about the Algonquin Pipeline expansion project's impacts on the environment, due to the possibility of leaks, explosions and daily emissions of gases from the compressors;

**WHEREAS**, the Southeast Compressor Station is less than 2 miles from North Salem and less than 3 miles from communities on Peach Lake;

**WHEREAS**, municipalities may bear the costs involved with emergency training, equipment including up-to-date foam to extinguish fires, and first response to a pipeline, compressor or metering station event;

**WHEREAS**, the North Salem Town Board feels duty bound to provide quality information that will protect the health and safety of its residents;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Town Board of the Town of North Salem hereby calls on the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission to require further study of the pipeline and Southeast compressor station's impact on the health and safety of North Salem residents, that an independent air emissions baseline assessment, be conducted in the areas directly impacted by the Southeast Compressor station, by an independent expert acceptable to local government officials, industry, advocates and the public, funded by

Spectra Energy, and that continuous emissions monitoring be conducted with transparent recording keeping as stringent as possible, and the results of the continuous monitoring of air, water and land and all other environmental impacts reported to the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation, the United States Department of Environmental Protection 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 the 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 or partial or full blowdowns of the Southeast compressor station be given to the Town of North Salem in order to alert residents, police, and fire departments, and be it

**FURTHER RESOLVED**, that a comprehensive and transparent Health Review of AIM's health impacts 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 Review cover cumulative short-term and long-term as well as direct and indirect impacts of the Southeast Compressor Station's emissions and blowdowns, 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 including Radium precipitate, Radon and its decay products Lead and Polonium in the areas directly impacted, 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 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 before project permissions be granted.