

ORIGINAL

CP1496

TOWN OF PHILIPSTOWN

238 Main St. P.O. Box 155 Cold Spring, NY 10516

RICHARD SHEA, SUPERVISOR

(845) 265-3329

TINA M. MERANDO
TOWN CLERK AND TAX COLLECTOR

NANCY MONTGOMERY, COUNCILWOMAN
JOHN VAN TASSEL, COUNCILMAN
DAVID MERANDY, COUNCILMAN
MICHAEL LEONARD, COUNCILMAN

August 8, 2014

Ms. Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
888 First St. NE
Washington, D.C. 20426

Dear Ms. Bose:

On August 7, 2014, the Philipstown Town Board adopted the attached certified resolution calling for a moratorium on the Algonquin Gas Transmission, LLC until air emissions, baseline assessment and risk assessments are completed and reviewed by local government officials. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact my office during regular business hours.

Sincerely,

Tina M. Merando
Tina M. Merando
Town Clerk

TMM

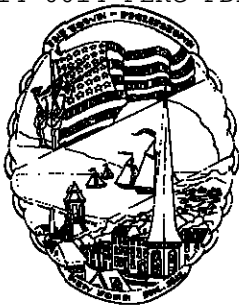
cc: George Sweikert, DEC Region 3
file

attachments (1)

FEDERAL ENERGY
REGULATORY COMMISSION

2014 AUG 14 A 9:26

FILED
SECRETARY OF THE
COMMISSION



TOWN OF PHILIPSTOWN

238 Main St. P.O. Box 155 Cold Spring, NY 10516

RICHARD SHEA, SUPERVISOR

(845) 265-3329

TINA M. MERANDO
TOWN CLERK AND TAX COLLECTOR

NANCY MONTGOMERY, COUNCILWOMAN
JOHN VAN TASSEL, COUNCILMAN
DAVID MERANDY, COUNCILMAN
MICHAEL LEONARD, COUNCILMAN

RESOLUTION

The following resolution was presented by Councilman Leonard, seconded by Councilman Merandy and unanimously carried:

RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby calls for a Moratorium on the Algonquin Gas Transmission, LLC, until air emissions, baseline assessment and risk assessment are completed and reviewed by local government officials, et al.

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; and

WHEREAS, impacts from the current AIM project infrastructure have not been fully evaluated to establish a baseline for air quality; and

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

WHEREAS, the current emissions will be significantly increased by the expansion of the Southeast and Stony Point compressor stations, 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 air pollutants, such as ground level ozone; and

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

WHEREAS, municipalities may bear 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; and

WHEREAS, Algonquin Gas Transmission LLC and Spectra Energy Partners may not have adequate resources or insurance coverage to reimburse municipalities for costs borne by the municipality should an event occur that requires emergency response by first responders;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that an independent air emissions baseline assessment be conducted in the areas directly impacted by the compressor and metering stations

modifications, by an independent expert acceptable to industry, local government officials, advocates and the public, funded by industry, and that continuous emissions monitoring be conducted with transparent record keeping as stringent as possible; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the best mitigation technology available be required to be installed on every possible component of AIM's compressor and metering stations, including selective catalytic reduction, zero emission dehydrators, blow down prevention, vapor recovery units, and methane capturing equipment outlined by the U.S. EPA, and that there be a public hearing for the permits for each compressor station; 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 industry; and be it further

RESOLVED, that Algonquin Gas Transmission, LLC and Spectra Energy Partners provide a full cost analysis and procurement of emergency supplies, equipment and training for local first response teams to respond to events related to the Algonquin Pipeline Expansion (AIM) project, including fires, explosions, leaks, spills, problems and evacuations due to blow down releases and other incidents; and be it further

RESOLVED, that Algonquin Transmission, LLC and Spectra Energy Partners provide proof of insurance or self-insurance represented by segregated cash reserves for all potential costs and expenses involved with maintenance and responding to emergencies and mitigating damages as a result of any incident relating to or resulting from the Algonquin Pipeline Expansion (AIM) Project; and be it further

RESOLVED, that a Moratorium be enacted on this project, until such air emissions baseline assessment, Health Impact Assessment (HIA), and risk assessment are completed and reviewed by industry, local government officials and advocates and the public, health impacts are fully addressed and mitigated that fully protect and preserve the health and safety of residents and evidence of acceptable levels of insurance and self-insurance represented by segregated cash reserves, as aforesaid, are presented and approved by all interested parties; and be it further

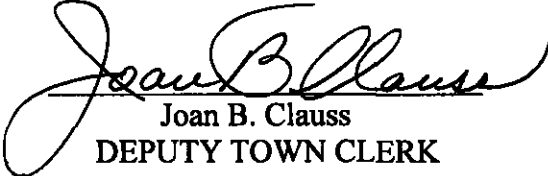
RESOLVED, that a copy of this Resolution be sent to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.

CERTIFICATION

I, **Joan B. Clauss**, the duly qualified and acting Deputy Town Clerk of the Town of Philipstown, Putnam County, New York, do hereby certify that attached hereto is a true and correct copy of an extract from the minutes of a Regular Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Philipstown, held on August 7, 2014, and that the Resolution set forth herein is a true and correct copy of the Resolution of the Town Board of said Town adopted at said meeting.

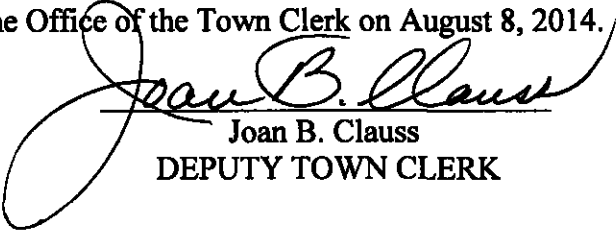
I **FURTHER CERTIFY** that pursuant to section 103 of the Public Officers Law (Open Meetings Law), said meeting was open to the general public.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and the seal of the said Town, this 8th day of August 2014.


Joan B. Clauss
DEPUTY TOWN CLERK

(seal)

A true copy of this Resolution was filed in the Office of the Town Clerk on August 8, 2014.


Joan B. Clauss
DEPUTY TOWN CLERK

Document Content(s)

13614247.tif.....1-4