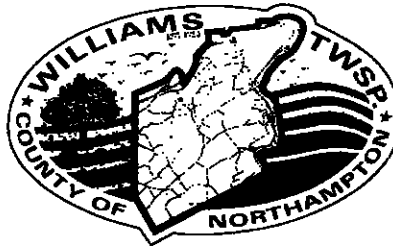


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May 25, 2016

Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
888 First Street NE, Room 1A
Washington, DC 20426

Re: Williams Township Resolution Opposing the Construction of the Proposed PennEast Pipeline through Williams Township - (Project Docket# PFIS-1-000)

PFIS-1-000

Dear Secretary Bose,

At the May 11, 2016 public meeting of the Board of Supervisors of Williams Township, the supervisors approved Resolution 2016-13 - Resolution Opposing the Construction of the Proposed PennEast Pipeline through Williams Township. Attached please find a true and correct copy of this Resolution which was uploaded to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission online system today, May 25, 2016.

Please let me know if you have any questions or require any additional information from the township.

Sincerely,

Jennifer W. Smethers
Township Manager

CC: Williams Township Board of Supervisors
Williams Township Solicitor
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RESOLUTION OPPOSING THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE PROPOSED PENNEAST
PIPELINE THROUGH WILLIAMS TOWNSHIP

SUBJECT: PENNEAST PIPELINE

RESOLUTION 2016-13

WHEREAS, PennEast Pipeline, LLC (“PennEast”), a limited liability company composed of interest from Red Oak Enterprise Holdings, Inc. (a subsidiary of AGL Resources, Inc.), New Jersey Resources Pipeline Company, Public Service Electric and Gas Power, LLC, South Jersey Industries, Spectra Energy Partners, and UGI Energy Services, proposes construction of a new pipeline and related facilities for the transmission and delivery of natural gas generated by deep well hydraulic fracturing (so called “fracking”) in areas of Marcellus Shale in Pennsylvania; and

WHEREAS, the proposed pipeline is approximately 118 miles in length and consists of a thirty-six inch diameter pipe crossing parts of Luzerne, Carbon, Northampton and Bucks Counties in Pennsylvania, and Hunterdon and Mercer Counties in New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, as of February 26, 2016, the pipeline is proposed to cross Williams Township, Northampton County, as reflected on the PennEast Pipeline Project USGS Quadrangle Map, pages twenty and twenty-one of thirty-two attached hereto and made a part hereof as exhibit “A”; and

WHEREAS, on October 7, 2014, PennEast filed a pre-application with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (“FERC”) under the National Environmental Policy Act (“NEPA”); and

WHEREAS, by letter dated March 13, 2015, the Williams Township Board of Supervisors without taking a position filed a letter with FERC at Project Docket No.: PFIS-1-000 expressing the concerns of the Township’s residents; and

WHEREAS, on September 24, 2015, PennEast filed with FERC a formal application to build, own and operate the aforesaid pipeline; and

WHEREAS, on October 21, 2015, the Williams Township Board of Supervisors without taking a position intervened in the FERC process at Project Docket No.: PFIS-1-000; and

WHEREAS, PennEast representatives have made various public presentations regarding the nature of the proposed pipeline and the tentative proposed location and route of same; and

WHEREAS, on March 29, 2016 FERC issued a notice of schedule for environmental review completion with the completion date of December 16, 2016; and

WHEREAS, the proposed route of the pipeline may cross properties or conservation easements purchased by Williams Township pursuant to the Township's Open Space Plan, which properties contain natural and environmental elements deserving of protection; and

WHEREAS, the construction of the pipeline along its currently proposed route may negatively impact unique historic properties, areas of floodplain and sinkhole concerns, habitats for certain wildlife species, areas of agricultural production, may cause stormwater runoff and problems on adjacent properties and Township roads, may negatively impact properties preserved by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Northampton County and Williams Township, may negatively impact Williams Township woodlands, farms, steep slopes and during construction cause damage to Township roads, as well as negatively impact ground water and residents wells; and

WHEREAS, the proposed pipeline may negatively impact the residents of Williams Township by lowering property values and disrupting residential, farming and commercial activities; and

WHEREAS, Williams Township is a semirural community with heavily wooded areas, many rocky hillsides, wetlands and numerous preserved open space tracts and farmlands; and

WHEREAS, the construction of the proposed pipeline through Williams Township will cause long term fragmentation of interior woodlands and increase erosion on properties specifically below steep slopes; and

WHEREAS, the construction of the proposed pipeline may negatively impact wetlands such as Fry's Run, which is a High Quality Cold Water Fishery and Migratory Fishery; and

WHEREAS, Williams Township due to geology, is prone to sinkholes; and

WHEREAS, due to the carbonate geology, the construction of the proposed pipeline could lead to the contamination of groundwater resources; and

WHEREAS, any blasting which may be necessary for the construction of the proposed pipeline may negatively impact the safety and public welfare of residents due to the radius of the blast zone; and

WHEREAS, residents who reside on land where the pipeline is proposed to be constructed or on nearby properties, may suffer a diminution of property values, as well as make it harder for those residents to obtain insurance and real estate financing and restrict their ability to resell their properties; and

WHEREAS, the proposed pipeline may negatively affect the health, safety, welfare and quality of the life of the residents of Williams Township.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Supervisors of Williams Township, Northampton County, Pennsylvania as follows:

1. For the reasons set forth in the Whereas clauses above, which are incorporated herein by reference, the Board of Supervisors of Williams Township opposes and objects to the design, route, and construction of the proposed PennEast Pipeline. The construction and operation of the proposed pipeline threatens to significantly damage streams, wetlands, wildlife habitat, existing farm operations and the quality of life in Williams Township.
2. The Board of Supervisors hereby authorizes the Township Manager to forward a true and correct copy of this Resolution to FERC and file same in connection with the Township's previous intervention in the FERC proceedings.
3. The Board of Supervisors reserves the right to adopt additional Resolutions, and take other actions it deems necessary, in the future relative to the proposed PennEast Pipeline.

RESOLVED AND ADOPTED, this 11th day of May, 2016.

ATTEST:



Melody Ernst, Secretary

**WILLIAMS TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**



Mark Ernst, Chairman

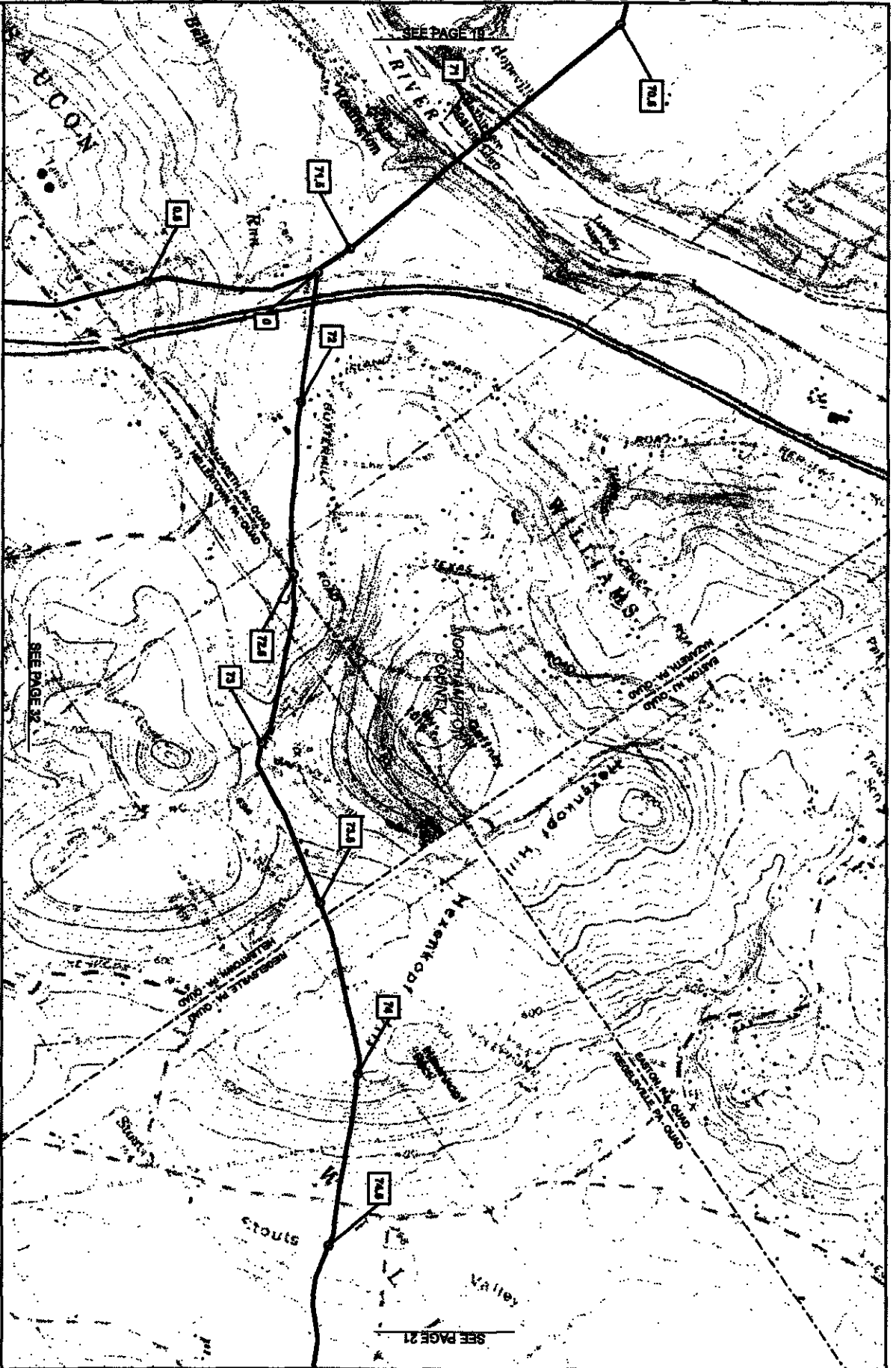


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PENNEAST PIPELINE PROJECT
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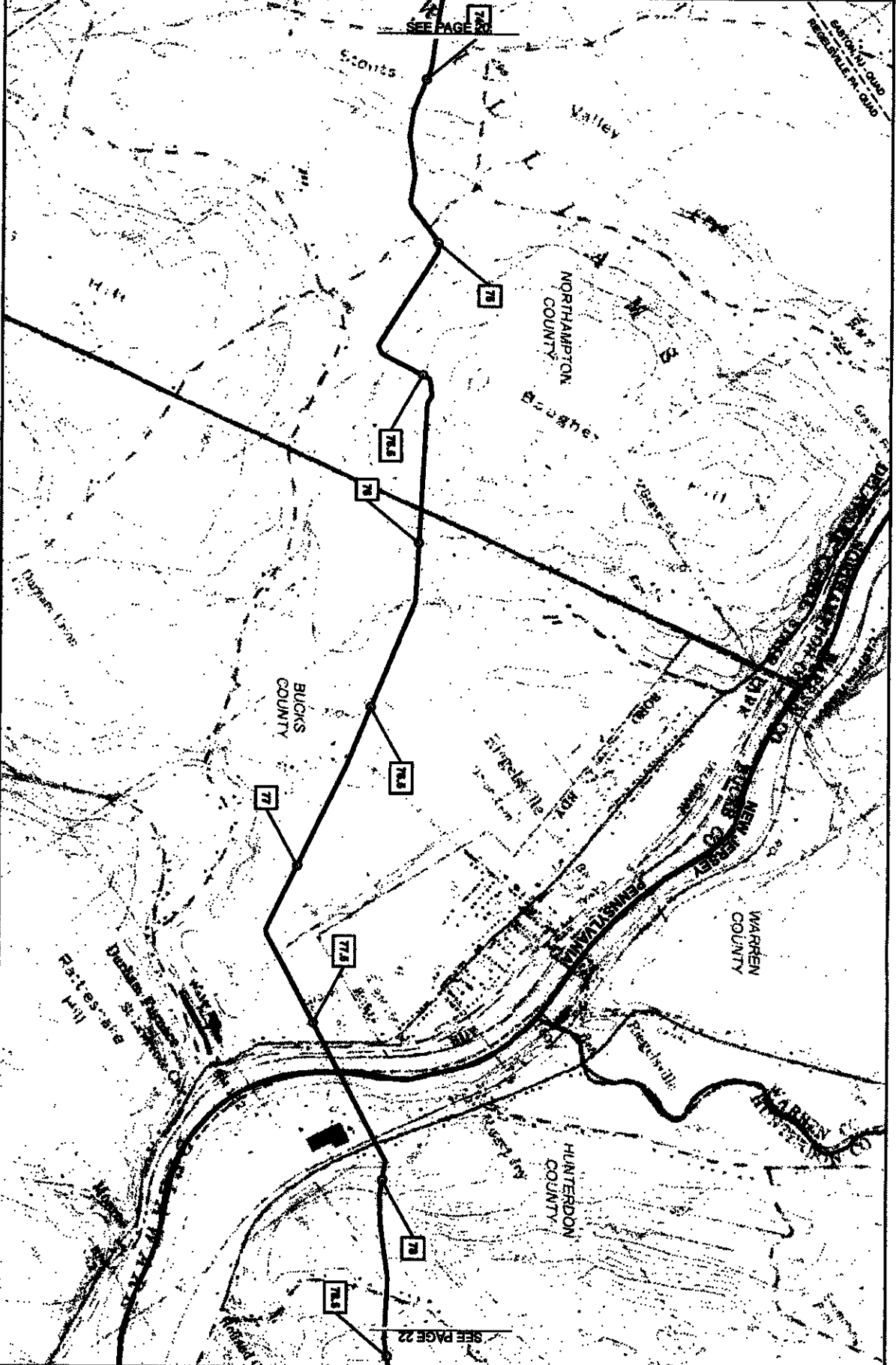
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CP15-558-000	Application of PennEast Pipeline Company, LLC for Certificates of Public Convenience and Necessity and Related Authorizations	PennEast Pipeline Company, LLC

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