

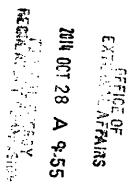
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October 21, 2014

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Attn: Cheryl A. LaFleur, Chair

**New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection** 

PO Box 402

Trenton, NJ 08625-0402

RE: Resolution 2014-060 Opposition for a Proposed Pipeline through Alexandria Township

Docket # PF 15-1-000

To whom it may concern:

Enclosed please find an original signed copy of the above that was passed by the Alexandria Township Committee on October 8, 2014.

If you wish to discuss, please contact us at the number below.

Sincerely

M/chele/Boltrowski, RMC

Township Clerk

Penn East Pipeline via email

2014-00240

## RESOLUTION 2014 – 060 TOWNSHIP OF ALEXANDRIA, COUNTY OF HUNTERDON, STATE OF NEW JERSEY OPPOSITION FOR A PROPOSED PIPELINE THROUGH ALEXANDRIA TOWNSHIP

WHEREAS, Penn East Pipeline Company, LLC, a joint project of AGL Resources, NJR Pipeline Company, a subsidiary of New Jersey Resources, South Jersey Industries, and UGI Energy Services, a subsidiary of UGI Corporation, proposed the construction of a new pipeline for the transfer and deliver of natural gas generated by deep well "fracking" in areas of Marcellus Shale in Pennsylvania; and

WHEREAS, the proposed pipeline is approximately one hundred (100) miles long of thirty inch (30") buried pipe crossing parts of Luzerne, Carbon, Northampton and Bucks Counties in Pennsylvania and Hunterdon and Mercer Counties in New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, as currently proposed, the pipeline cuts through Alexandria Township, Hunterdon County, causing or contributing to the following:

- 1. The proposed route impacts pristine woods and forests causing damage to wildlife and plant life; and
- Said removal of trees and vegetation along creeks, streams and waterways will result in the loss of sediment filtration, thereby causing sediment buildup in these waterways and the waterways that flow into the Delaware and Raritan Canal, a source of drinking water for millions of New Jersey residents; and
- 3. The proposed route crosses properties that were purchased with New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection Green Acres Funds, New Jersey Department of Agriculture Funds, Hunterdon County Open Space Funds, Hunterdon Land Trust, Alexandria Township Open Space Funds, as well as other properties that are subject to conservation easements and/or deed restricted against development; and
- 4. The taxpayers of the State of New Jersey, Hunterdon County, Alexandria Township as well as foundations and individual donors and farmers and landowners have invested \$2,997,773.17 to permanently preserve these properties in perpetuity; and
- 5. The proposed route will impact Township owned open space, privately held open space, and scenic vistas; and
- 6. The proposed route and the construction of pump stations along the way will impact ground water that Alexandria Township residents depend on for domestic consumption, wetlands, springs, vernal ponds, and C-1 designated streams, all of which are highly

- 6.. The Alexandria Township Committee will act as an Intervener and/or Objector to the proposed Penn East Pipeline.
- 7. Working with its non-profit partners, local groups, and other municipalities, the Alexandria Township Committee will exercise careful fiscal oversight in this opposition process.
- 8. The Alexandria Township Committee recognizes that the pipeline could be beneficial to society through potentially lower natural gas prices in the national economy, though Alexandria Township will not currently benefit from any of the natural gas being transported through this pipeline. The Alexandria Township Committee determines that the damage to the Township outweighs any benefit the Township will gain.

ATTEST:

Michele Bobrowski, RMC

Township Clerk October 8, 2014

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