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February 18, 2015

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

RE: Docket # PF15-1-000

Dear Ms. Bose:

I am writing on behalf of my constituents and Board members, to express our overwhelming opposition to the Keystone Pipeline and to present the opposition resolution as passed by our Commissioner Board.

We are aware of the potential ramifications such as climate change exacerbated by the continued or increase burning of purportedly inexpensive oil from the pipeline; and the slowing of development of sustainable energy as fossil fuels become cheaper. These consequences will be felt by all of us globally, but there are additional local concerns.

Quarry operations are still very active in Plains Township, residents have pointed out that vibrations from blasting are felt throughout the township on a regular basis. The possibility that that a miscalculation could result in a breach of the pipeline and a subsequently devastating explosion is a very real concern to residents.

Additionally, the Susquehanna River flows along the border of Plains Township. The river is in the path of the pipeline. A leak would have devastating effects locally and has the potential to contaminate water throughout the middle and lower Susquehanna watershed which flow into the Chesapeake Bay.

As mentioned previously, after hearing the fears and objections of our residents, adopted a resolution opposing the pipeline (attached).

We realize that by ourselves we have little to no chance of successfully opposing this project. We are asking that you, our Governor, be our voice and help us to preserve our properties locally and our futures globally.

Sincerely,
Plains Township Board of Commissioners

Robert Sax
Chairman

Attachment

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LUZERNE COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

Resolution No. 5 - 2015

OPPOSITION TO THE PROPOSED

PERMENANT PIPELINE PROJECT IN THE TOWNSHIP OF PLAINS, PA

WHEREAS, Penn East Pipeline Company, LLC has proposed construction of an 108 mile 36 inch diameter pipeline from Dallas Township to Hopewell Township, New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, this proposed pipeline will transport approximately one billion cubic feet of natural gas per day; and

WHEREAS, this proposed pipeline construction is believed to be operational on or about November 1, 2017; and

WHEREAS, on October 7, 2014, Penn East Pipeline Company, LLC requested the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission ("FERC") to initiate an environmental review under the National Environmental Policy Act ("NEPA") pre-filing process; and

WHEREAS, FERC selected Tectra Tech as the third party contractor to prepare the National Environmental Policy Act documentation; and

WHEREAS, Penn East Pipeline Company, LLC has indicated that it's intention to file a formal application with the FERC on or about July of 2015; and

WHEREAS, the pre-filing process and formal application process provides opportunities for public input and intervention; and

WHEREAS, on November 10, 2014 Penn East Pipeline Company, LLC representatives made a public presentation to PA residents to explain the nature of this project and its potential input on Pennsylvania; and

WHEREAS, the preliminary maps show the proposed underground gas lines bisection significant environmental resources which includes sensitive land sites, open space, preserved farmland, lands protected by conservation easements, woodlands and wetlands; and

WHEREAS, the project of natural resources and ecologically sensitive lands, including wetlands, wildlife habitat, waterways, slopes, mature woodlands and contiguous forest is of grave concern; and

WHEREAS, the pipeline project is planned to cross lands in Plains Township that are environmentally sensitive, open space and residential neighbors; and

WHEREAS, the elected officials believed that this pipeline project will cause irreparable damage to these properties; and

WHEREAS, Plains Township is already burdened with the presence of the existing Transco Pipeline and various gathering lines; and

WHEREAS, Plains Township also believes it will be the subject of the cumulative effect of these pipelines and others which are now before or believed to be in the near future before the FERC for approval; and

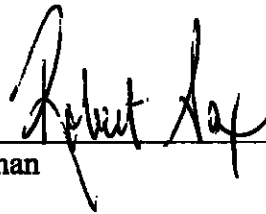
NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Commissioners of Plains Township, Pennsylvania that the governing body opposes the pipeline project; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution should be forwarded to Governor Tom Wolf and PA State Representative Mike Carroll.

DULY, adopted at a regular meeting this ~~14th~~ day of February, 2015, by the Board of Commissioners of Plains Township, Luzerne County, Pennsylvania, in lawful session duly assembled.

Plains Township Board of Commissioners

By: _____
Chairman



ATTEST:

Patricia Skuboch
Secretary

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