

Resolution

Of the
City of Easton, Pennsylvania

Date: May 27, 2015

WHEREAS, PennEast Pipeline Company has proposed building a pipeline, 108 miles long and 36" in diameter, passing through Luzerne, Carbon, Northampton and Bucks County in Pennsylvania, to transport natural gas from hydraulic fracturing in Northern Pennsylvania to Trenton, New Jersey at a rate of 1 billion cubic feet per day and

WHEREAS, PennEast has requested that the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission ("FERC") initiate an environmental review of the proposed project with the intention to file a formal application with FERC on or before July, 2015; and

WHEREAS, said pipeline will be passing close to Hugh Moore Park and The City of Easton, Northampton County, Pennsylvania, where it will cross the Lehigh River. In addition, multiple tributaries of the Lehigh River will also be crossed by the pipeline and flow from these waterways terminate in the Delaware River in Easton and

WHEREAS, 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 that are sources of drinking water for residents in Pennsylvania and New Jersey and

WHEREAS, this pipeline project will clear vegetation within the right-of-way of the pipeline corridors which will disrupt the habitat of multiple species and continued maintenance of the corridor will introduce pollutants to the environment which have been linked to a worldwide decline in invertebrate, amphibious and aquatic species, beneficial soil and gut bacteria, and to illness in humans and other mammals.

WHEREAS, recreational activities generated by bicycle paths and canals that terminate in Easton will be affected during construction of the pipeline and when completed will be permanently affected by the maintenance of the pipeline corridors and

WHEREAS, at this time, only the Delaware River Basin Commission is tasked to evaluate the impacts of this pipeline and its construction within the Delaware River Basin and approximately 87% of this project lies in that region. The Commission should be supported to exercise its jurisdiction over the project and

WHEREAS, the pipeline appears to be unnecessary in regard to the quantity of natural gas it will be carrying compared to what is required for distribution at its terminus and also that it will run close to the same route as a similarly sized pipeline that is already in place and operated by Transcontinental Gas Pipeline Co. and

WHEREAS, 25 neighboring cities, boroughs and townships through which the proposed pipeline physically passes, including the City of Bethlehem, Solebury Township and Lower Saucon Township, all of whom the City of Easton wants to support, have written resolutions opposing the pipeline,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Easton, Northampton County, Pennsylvania, that:

1. The City of Easton opposes the construction of the proposed PennEast Pipeline for the reasons set forth in the Whereas clauses above.
2. The Council reserves the right to adopt additional Resolutions and take necessary actions in the future regarding the PennEast Pipeline.
3. This Resolution Shall be distributed to:
 - a. The Governor of Pennsylvania
 - b. The Northampton County Commissioners
 - c. Senators Casey and Toomey
4. Congressman Cartwright
5. State Senator Boscola
6. State Representative Freeman

This is to certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the City Council on the above date.

Attest: _____ Signed: _____
City Clerk Mayor