

**DALLAS TOWNSHIP, PA  
LUZERNE COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA**

**RESOLUTION #2015-\_\_\_\_\_**

**IN OPPOSITION OF THE  
PROPOSED PENNEAST PIPELINE PROJECT  
IN THE TOWNSHIP OF Dallas, PA**

WHEREAS, PennEast Pipeline Company, LLC plans to construct a 108-mile, 36-inch diameter pipeline from Dallas Township, Pennsylvania, to Hopewell Township, New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, the Pipeline is planned to transport approximately one billion cubic feet of natural gas per day; and

WHEREAS, the Pipeline is planned to be operational on or about November 1, 2017; and

WHEREAS, PennEast is in the process of finalizing negotiations with potential customers, and therefore the final capacity and resulting pipe size and compression is subject to change; and

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

WHEREAS, on October 10, 2014, the Director of the Office of Energy Projects for FERC approved the company's use of the pre-filing review process; and

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

WHEREAS, PennEast intends to file a formal application with FERC on or before July, 2015; and

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

WHEREAS, on November 10, 2014, PennEast representatives made a public presentation to the PA residents to explain the nature of the project and its potential impact on Pennsylvania; and

WHEREAS, preliminary maps show the underground gas lines bisecting significant environmental resources, including environmentally sensitive lands, preserved open space, preserved farmland, lands protected with conservation easements, woodlands and wetlands; and

WHEREAS, the protection of natural resources and ecologically sensitive lands, such as wetlands, wildlife habitat, waterways, slopes, mature woodlands, and contiguous forests is of grave concern; and

WHEREAS, the Pipeline Project is planned to cross lands in Dallas Township that are environmentally sensitive; lands that are preserved by the expenditure of public funds, funds from foundations, non-profit organizations, individual donors and private landowners for the use, enjoyment and permanent protection of open space; and

WHEREAS, the Pipeline Project will cause irreparable damage to these properties; and

WHEREAS Dallas Township is already burdened with the existing presence of the Transco Pipeline, a Regency Partners gathering line and a Williams Company gathering line; and

WHEREAS Dallas Township will also be subject to the cumulative effect of the proposed pipelines, the Penn East and Atlantic Sunrise, that are already before FERC for approval; and

WHEREAS Dallas Township will also be subject to the cumulative effect of the proposed, but not yet before FERC (The Marc II and the Diamond East) pipelines.

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

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Supervisors of Dallas Township are wholly committed to protecting the interests of the Township and its residents; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this resolution shall be forwarded to Governor-Elect Thomas Wolf, PA State Senator Lisa Baker, PA State Senator John Yudichak, PA State Representative Karen Boback, PA State Representative Mike Carroll, PA State Representative-Elect Aaron Kaufer, and all the affected municipalities in Luzerne, Carbon, Northampton and Bucks Counties, in Pennsylvania, and Hunterdon and Mercer Counties, in New Jersey, and the New Jersey State League of Municipalities.

Date Enacted: \_\_\_\_\_

### **DALLAS TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

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Frank E. Wagner, Supervisor

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Elizabeth A. Martin, Supervisor

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William J. Grant, Supervisor

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_