

THE TOWNSHIP OF UPPER FREEHOLD

RESOLUTION 67-16

RESOLUTION OPPOSING THE INSTALLATION OF THE “SOUTHERN RELIABILITY LINK” NATURAL GAS PIPELINE IN THE TOWNSHIP OF UPPER FREEHOLD

WHEREAS, the Township of Upper Freehold, during 2015, met with various representatives of the New Jersey Natural Gas Company (NJNG) as well as various State and Local Officials regarding the proposal of NJNG for the “Southern Reliability Link Pipeline (“SRL”) Project; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Upper Freehold did and continues to oppose the installation of the Southern Reliability Link through this Township because no benefit would derive to the residents of the Township of Upper Freehold; and

WHEREAS, the Township recognizes that State of New Jersey has undermined the ability of municipalities to oversee construction and improvement projects in their respective municipalities that adversely effected its residents; and

WHEREAS the State of New Jersey has placed also continued to place great impediments to the installation of this pipeline through lands that would otherwise significantly reduce the adverse impact on human life; and

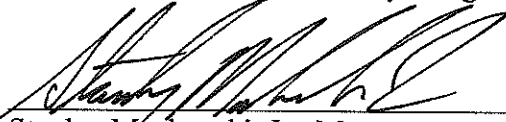
WHEREAS, it is clear that alternate routes existed for this proposed project, from a regional perspective, but the intransigence of various state agencies with respect to preserved land or environmentally sensitive areas prohibits a practical route that would remove the dangers from the residents from the State of New Jersey that will live near this pipeline; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township of Upper Freehold as follows:

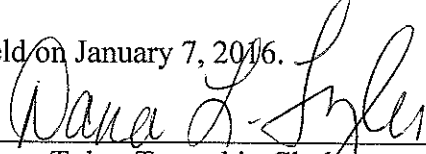
1. The Township Committee reiterates its position that the Southern Reliability Link, with its proposed route through the Township of Upper Freehold, should not be approved where more practicable alternative routes exist that have less impact on human life; and
2. The Township of Upper Freehold reiterates that the Southern Reliability Link provides no benefit to the Township of Upper Freehold. In fact, it creates significant detriment to certain residents of the Township; and
3. Upper Freehold urges that all parties to the pending petitions before the BPU should recognize that the State of New Jersey has completely ignored the input of the local residents in this regard; and
4. The Township of Upper Freehold recognizes and strongly criticizes the State of New Jersey who has, through certain policy practices, prioritized “factors” other than human safety and has forced this pipeline on a route that seriously impacts many of the residents and businesses in the region; and
5. The Township of Upper Freehold strongly supports the efforts of its neighbors.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution shall be forwarded to the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities, the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, Monmouth, Ocean and Burlington County Board of Chosen Freeholders, the governing bodies of Chesterfield, Plumsted, North Hanover, Manchester

Township, and such other State and Local Representatives as the Clerk may designate.


Stanley Moslowski, Jr., Mayor

I hereby certify the above to be a true and copy of a Resolution adopted by the Upper Freehold Township Committee at a meeting held on January 7, 2016.


Dana Tyler, Township Clerk