

**To Department of Environmental Protection, State of New Jersey:**

My name is Ron Kolczynski and I am a member of the Chesterfield Township Committee.

Thank you for holding hearings regarding the Transcontinental Gas Pipe Line Company, LLC's Garden State Expansion project Freshwater Wetlands Individual Permit (NJDEP File No. 0300-15-0002.2, FWW 150001). Chesterfield Township is submitting findings from our environmental consultant Mark Gallagher in regards to the dewatering application. I completely concur in the findings in Mark's report that the dewatering application should be denied. There is sufficient harm to our wetlands and the personal water supply of our residents that could result by granting Transco this dewatering permit. Further, these projects will cause other environmental harm to our community, in addition to potentially serious health consequences to our residents.

In addition, there are legal reasons why the DEP should not even be considering this application. Our township is separately submitting these reasons to your department.

This project, along with New Jersey Natural Gas's Southern Reliability Link pipeline project, just do not make sense. The pipeline is not needed by residents of New Jersey. Any talk of a "need for redundancy" is merely an excuse for building the pipeline. Any redundancy that would be needed would be necessary closer to the homes in which the gas ultimately is delivered, and not in the high pressure supply lines.

The pipeline is not wanted by the residents of Chesterfield, as it traverses the center of our town within 50 feet of some of our residents' homes. It is a foolish risk to put a high pressure pipeline so close to our citizens.

The compressor station and the pipeline bring absolutely no benefits to the Township of Chesterfield. Absolutely none. We bear all the risk, health hazards, burdens of construction and decreased home values and we get nothing.

I resent these companies coming into Chesterfield and forcing these projects down our throats.

I'll remind the DEP that they are charged with the duty of protecting our environment. I call upon you, regardless of any political or policy pressures from any levels within our state, to do your duty, do what is right, and deny this application for good.

Thank you.

Ron Kolczynski  
Chesterfield Township Committeeman  
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