

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
BEFORE THE
FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION

Transcontinental Gas Pipe Line Company, LLC : **Docket No. CP15-89-000**
Garden State Expansion Project **:**

The Township of Chesterfield, which has sought status as an intervening party on December 4, 2015, submits the following comments regarding the Environmental Assessment filed by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Office of Energy Projects, on or about November 4, 2015:

- 1) Section 3.1 "Groundwater Resources," on page 17 states: "[w]e received comments on potential impacts on residential cisterns, wells, and septic systems in the Project area. However, no public or private supply wells were identified within 150 feet and up to one mile, respectively, of or from any construction area associated with either Station 205 or Station 203. No seeps or springs are present in the Project area. Therefore, we do not anticipate any significant impacts on cisterns, wells, or septic systems in the Project areas." **As to proposed Station 203 and its location in Chesterfield Township, these statements are inaccurate. As such, this information must be reevaluated and the potential for significant impacts to these resources and local infrastructure should be reconsidered by both Transco and the Commission.**

All homes located along County Route 528 within 150 feet and up to one mile have wells; some are shallow dug wells and septic systems. The engineer for the Township of Chesterfield has determined that there are numerous identified and even more unidentified private wells servicing residences within a one mile radius of the proposed Compressor Station 203 location. Several residents of Chesterfield have submitted comments under Docket Number CP15-89-000 indicating their proximity to the proposed compressor and the presence of wells, both drilled and dug, on their properties.

The Township urges FERC to closely review each affidavit submitted by numerous residents attesting to their proximity to proposed Station 203, the presence of wells or septic systems on their properties, and their failure to be notified by FERC as to the Intent to Prepare an Environmental Assessment for the Garden State Expansion Project or Compressor 203.

Chesterfield Township respectfully requests proofs of mailing on the NOI as they relate to residents and property owners of Chesterfield Township, and a copy of the list of our residents and property owners purported to have received the NOI.

A well search was conducted by Chesterfield Township's engineer using information available from the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection. This search indicates that more domestic wells exist within the one mile radius in Bordentown Township. Please see the attached map (**Exhibit A**), generated by Chesterfield Township's engineer, which depicts the location of domestic wells at certain radii surrounding the proposed Compressor Station 203 location. Not highlighted on this map are additional domestic wells that were permitted prior to 1975 (those wells do not have Block and Lot or address data).

A small portion of the Albert C. Wagner Youth Correctional Facility is also technically within the 1 mile radius and is serviced by a public community well. There is also one public, non-community well in Bordentown Township within the one mile radius.

Chesterfield Township urges the Commission to require that Transco identify ALL public and private wells, permitted both prior and subsequent to 1975, that exist within the one mile radius of proposed Compressor Station 203.

- 2) Section 6.2 "Recreation," on page 31 states: "[p]ublic grade schools, public parks, are [sic] playgrounds are not located within 0.25 mile of the Project construction work areas. One church is located within approximately 1.25 miles of the electrical substation parcel, the Holy Cross Lutheran Church; this church also has a pre-school program." **These statements are inaccurate.**

In addition to the Holy Cross Lutheran Church, which indeed does have a preschool program, Gateway to Life a/k/a Church of God is also located in very close proximity to the proposed compressor station (believed to be located well within .25 mile of the proposed compressor). Gateway to Life also has its own daycare facility known as Little Friends Daycare.

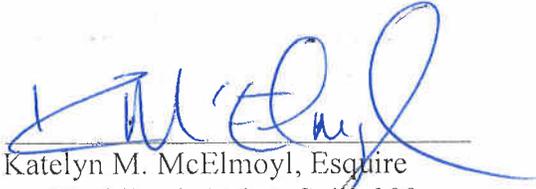
Additionally, Fenton Lane Park, a Green Acres property which contains several recreational athletic fields, a playground, a walking path, and a recreation building, is well within .25 mile of the proposed compressor station. A contract was recently awarded by the Township to construct tennis courts at Fenton Lane Park in the immediate future.

- 3) With the presence of so many wells, septic systems, public parks, churches, and daycare centers within the one mile radius of proposed Compressor 203 which were originally overlooked, the Commission should consider requiring a full Environmental Impact Study. Chesterfield Townships respectfully urges the Commission to perform a careful review of this Project and verify that the proposed Compressor 203 can operate as designed without the existence of other projects like PennEast and/or the Southern Reliability Link.

I certify that the foregoing statements made by me are true. I am aware that if any of the foregoing statements made by me are willfully false, I am subject to punishment.

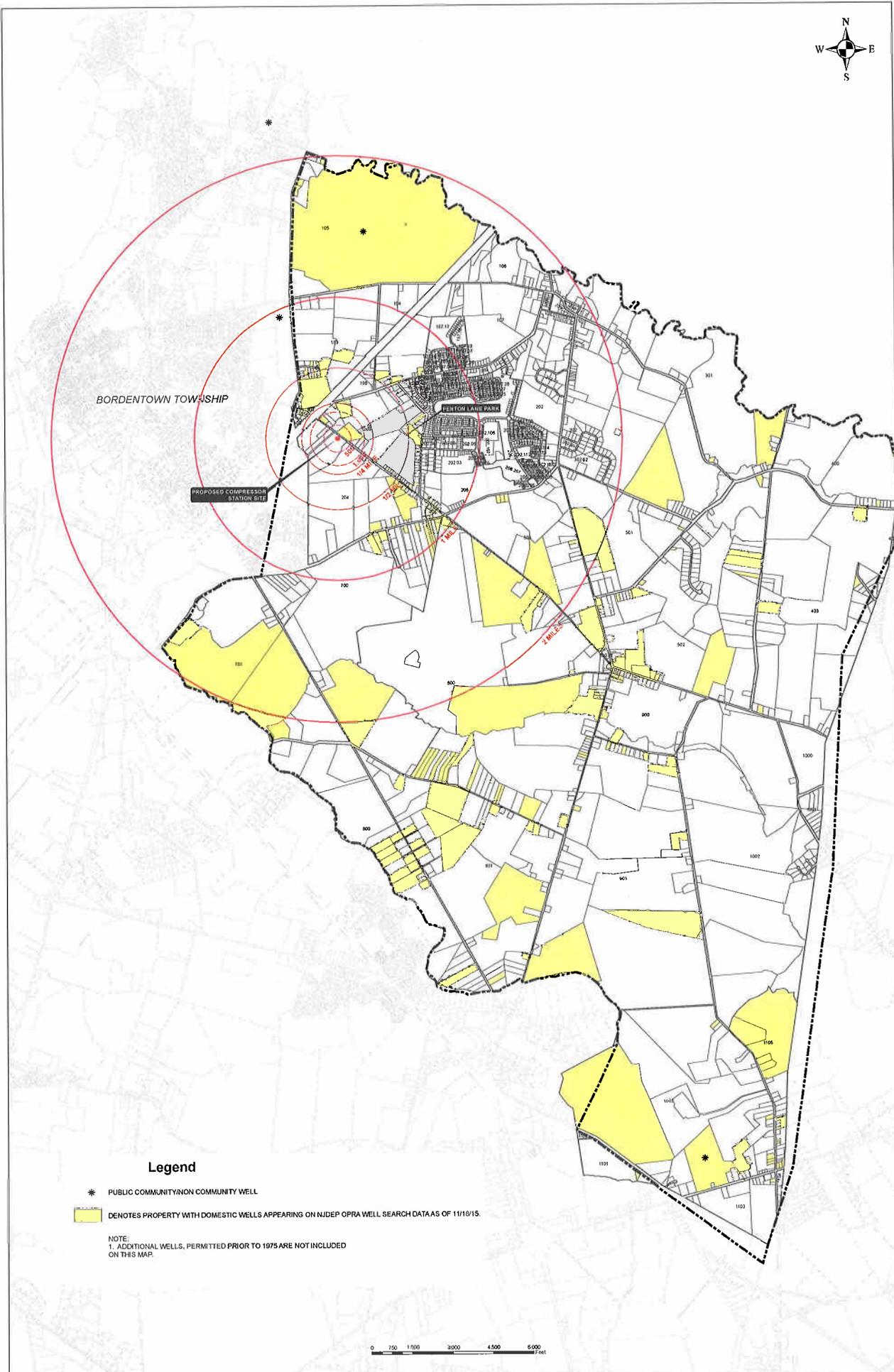
Respectfully submitted,

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EXHIBIT A



Legend

- * PUBLIC COMMUNITY/NON COMMUNITY WELL
- DENOTES PROPERTY WITH DOMESTIC WELLS APPEARING ON NJDEP OPRA WELL SEARCH DATA AS OF 11/18/15.

NOTE:
1. ADDITIONAL WELLS, PERMITTED PRIOR TO 1975 ARE NOT INCLUDED ON THIS MAP.



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