

COMBINED TIMELINE – TOWNSHIP OF CHESTERFIELD’S OPPOSITION TO COMPRESSOR (GSE) AND PIPELINE (SRL)

1. November 25, 2014
 - Pipeline in “early developmental stages”
 - Meeting requested by NJNG representatives, attended by various Township Officials at Chesterfield Township Municipal Building. This is the first mention of any new pipeline and, at that time, NJNG discussed running the pipeline through farmland, only.
2. January 2015
 - Unbeknownst to Township Committee, Transco purchases Block 204, Lot 4 for \$825,000 from a private owner for the site of its compressor station
3. February 4, 2015
 - Meeting with NJNG Representatives and various Township Officials (Mayor, Committeeman, Police Chief, Clerk, Solicitor, and Burlington County Engineers) at Chesterfield Township Municipal Building – discussion of alternative routes
4. February 18, 2015
 - Transco filed a Petition with FERC seeking the issuance of a Certificate of Necessity for the “Garden State Expansion Project,” Docket No. CP15-89
5. March 31, 2015
 - “Heads-Up” letter from Township Committee sent to property owners located within 500 feet of proposed pipeline route (route “preferred” by NJNG – Rt. 528)
 - Letter indicated that Chesterfield Township had no control over whether pipeline would be installed or not – right-of-ways belong to County, BPU has jurisdiction over any application made by NJNG
 - Letter listed e-mail addresses of all Committee Members and Township Clerk and solicited feedback from the public
6. April 2, 2015
 - 2 NJNG Petitions filed with BPU – BPU Docket Nos. GE15040402 (“Pipeline Safety” Case) and GO15040403 (“MLUL” Case)
7. April 9, 2015
 - Committee unanimously passed Resolution No. 2015-4-2 “Resolution Opposing the Installation of the ‘Southern Reliability Link’ Natural Gas Pipeline Along County Route 528 Through Chesterfield Township”
 - Copy of Resolution No. 2015-4-2 sent to BPU and Counsel for NJNG, as well as the Governor, Legislators, and County Freeholders, on April 13, 2015

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8. April 13, 2015
 - “10 Day Letter” sent to BPU and Counsel for NJNG re: objection to pipeline plans, preservation of right to seek Intervener status in Petitions

9. April 23, 2015
 - Meeting held at Chesterfield Township with Assemblyman Dancer, Mayor Liedtka, Mayor Durr of North Hanover, Former Mayor and Community Development Coordinator of Plumsted, and Solicitor for the Township of Chesterfield
 - Discussion of proposed alternate route
 - Upper Freehold did not attend

10. May 6, 2015
 - Chesterfield issued OPRA request to BPU requesting copies of all submissions related to NJNG Southern Reliability Link Petitions

11. May 19, 2015
 - Township Attorney attends Open Public Meeting of the BPU in Trenton, NJ

12. June 11, 2015
 - NJNG conducted an “Open House” at the North Hanover Township Municipal Building, attended by members of the Chesterfield Township Committee

13. June 18, 2015
 - Docket No. GO15040403: Pre-Hearing Order issued by Commissioner Solomon of BPU establishing procedural schedule

14. June 25, 2015
 - Township Committee unanimously passed Resolution No. 2015-6-7 “Resolution Endorsing Assembly Bills Sponsored by the Honorable Ronald S. Dancer Regarding Certain Utility Company Rights of Way and BPU Procedures”

 - Township Committee unanimously passed Resolution No. 2015-6-9 “Resolution Encouraging the NJBPU to Consider an Alternate Route Proposed by the Township of Chesterfield; Authorizing the Township Solicitor to File Motions to Intervene in the NJNG Petitions; and Amending Resolution 2015-4-2 to Include NJNG’s Most Recent Safety Citations”

15. June 29, 2015
 - Chesterfield Township filed two (2) Motions to Intervene with the BPU in NJNG Petitions GE15040402 and GO15040403 related to the Southern Reliability Link (Accompanied by Legal Briefs)

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16. July 16, 2015

- Mayor Liedtka’s letter to Richard Mroz, Chairman of the BPU, encouraging additional Public Hearings aside from only July 28, 2015 at 3:00 pm and 6:00 pm and/or Rescheduling Manchester Twp. Public Hearing to a location more convenient to those impacted by installation of pipeline in Burlington County

17. July 21, 2015

- Chesterfield Township granted Intervener status in NJNG Petition, BPU Docket No. GO15040403 (“MLUL” Case)

18. July 24, 2015

- Letter from Township Attorney encouraging Commissioner Solomon’s personal appearance at July 28, 2015 Public Hearing

19. July 28, 2015 & August 26, 2015

- Participation by Members of the Township Committee at both Public Hearings in Manchester, NJ and Mt. Laurel, NJ
- Residents of Chesterfield Township encouraged to take charter bus to Manchester Twp. Public Hearing (arranged by Chesterfield Township Officials)

20. August 7, 2015

- Township Attorney sent letter to BPU encouraging the BPU to grant Chesterfield’s status as an Intervener regarding NJNG’s other Petition, BPU Docket No. GE15040402 (“Pipeline Safety” Case)

21. August 19, 2015

- BPU Order Denying Motions to Intervene or Participate in BPU Docket No. GE15040402 – Motions Filed by Township of Chesterfield, Township of North Hanover, and County of Burlington

22. September 10, 2015

- Township Attorneys attend Mandatory Settlement Conference with NJNG and other parties regarding BPU Docket No. GO15040403

23. September 14, 2015

- Motion for Reconsideration of the August 19, 2015 BPU Order Denying Intervention Status and for Consolidation of Both NJNG Petitions filed by the Township of Chesterfield

24. September 23, 2015

- Township of Chesterfield propounds discovery requests on NJNG regarding BPU Docket No. GO15040403

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25. September 25, 2015

- Chesterfield Township Attorney sent letter to BPU indicating that no settlement has been reached between NJNG and the Township of Chesterfield (despite NJNG’s insinuation to the contrary); Chesterfield not prepared to abandon its status as an Intervener

26. October 23, 2015

- Township of Chesterfield filed Prepared Direct Testimony of Mayor Liedtka with the BPU

27. November 12, 2015

- Ordinance No. 2015-16 introduced by the Township Committee to amend Chapter 130 of the Township Code entitled “Land Development” and amending the zoning map of Chesterfield Township

28. December 4, 2015

- At the direction of the Township Committee, Chesterfield Township filed a timely Motion to Intervene under FERC Docket No. CP15-89
 - Motion granted by FERC on April 7, 2016
- At the direction of the Township Committee, Chesterfield Township filed timely comments on FERC’s Environmental Assessment Report

29. December 7, 2015

- Chesterfield Township, represented by Counsel, attended the BPU’s evidentiary hearing under Docket No. GO15040403, which included an opening statement, cross-examination of NJNG’s 3 witnesses, and direct testimony of Mayor Liedtka

30. December 10, 2015

- Township Committee unanimously approved Resolution 2015-12-5 “Resolution Supplementing and Amending Resolution 2015-4-2, Which Resolution Opposed the ‘Installation of the ‘Southern Reliability Link’ Natural Gas Pipeline Along county Route 528 Through Chesterfield Township,’ and is Specifically to Now Oppose the Pipeline in Its Entirety”
- Township Committee unanimously approved Resolution 2015-12-6 “Resolution Opposing the Construction and Installation of A Compressor Station by Transcontinental Pipeline Company at 26 Bordentown-Chesterfield Road (Block 204, Lot 4)”
 - **NO TOWNSHIP INVOLVEMENT** – 26 Bordentown Chesterfield Road (Block 204, Lot 4) was privately owned and purchased by Transco for \$825,000 in January 2015

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- Township Committee unanimously passed Resolution 2015-12-9 authorizing the execution of a contract with an expert in the area of pipeline investigation, risk management, siting, construction, emergency response, operation, etc. (Richard B. Kuprewicz) to analyze the risks associated with the GSE compressor and SRL pipeline
- “Resolution Opposing the Construction and Installation of a Compressor Station by Transcontinental Pipeline Company

31. December 12, 2015

- Township Committee held a Special Meeting and required Transco to make a presentation to the public regarding plans for the Garden State Expansion Project (held at the Chesterfield Elementary School)

32. December 21, 2015

- Chesterfield Township files Motion to Compel Discovery Responses from NJNG
 - BPU granted Motion on January 5, 2016

33. December 30, 2015

- Township Committee unanimously passed Ordinance No. 2015-16, amending Chapter 130 of the Township Code Entitled “Land Development” and Amending the Zoning Map of the Township
 - Deleted Section 130-12.H from the Township Code

34. January 22, 2016

- Chesterfield Township filed an extensive Initial Post-Hearing Brief with the BPU, opposing the SRL and requesting the BPU to deny NJNG’s petition

35. January 29, 2016

- Chesterfield Township filed a Reply Post-Hearing Brief with the BPU, opposing the SRL and requesting the BPU to deny NJNG’s petition

36. January 27, 2016

- Counsel for Chesterfield attended BPU’s Open Public Meeting in Trenton (BPU denied Chesterfield’s motion for reconsideration and consolidation, and approved NJNG’s preferred route under Docket No. GE15040402)

37. February 25, 2016

- Township Committee unanimously adopts Ordinance supplementing Ch. 182 of the Township Code to establish a 4-ton weight limit on additional municipal streets within the Township

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38. March 4, 2016

- At the direction of the Township Committee, Counsel for the Township submitted a Request to NJDEP for an Adjudicatory Hearing on the issuance of a **Flood Hazard Area Permit** to Transco
 - As of October 11, 2016, the NJDEP has not yet taken action on the request

39. March 11, 2016

- At the Township Committee’s direction, Counsel for Chesterfield Township appealed the BPU’s approval under Docket No. GE15040402 to the Appellate Division of the Superior Court

40. March 18, 2016

- Counsel for Chesterfield attended BPU’s Open Public Meeting in Trenton (BPU approved NJNG’s SRL Project as “necessary for the service, convenience, or welfare of the public” under Docket No. GO15040403, “MLUL Matter”)

41. March 30, 2016

- As a result of an OPRA request filed with the Pinelands Commission, Counsel for Chesterfield and Twp. Clerk of Chesterfield review all files related to the Pinelands Commission’s involvement with the NJNG SRL Project

42. April 4, 2016

- Township Committee submitted supplemental comments to FERC in opposition to the Transco Compressor Station #203, citing catastrophic events as a concern for the Township and its residents

43. April 7, 2016

- FERC grants Transco requested relief (Certificate of Necessity for GSE)

44. April 14, 2016

- Township Committee unanimously adopts Resolution No. 2016-4-5 authorizing the execution of a contract with an Environmental and Groundwater Consultant (Matthew J. Mulhall) to assist the Township in challenging Transco’s application to NJDEP for a **Temporary Dewatering Permit**

45. April 26, 2016

- Members of the Township Committee, Counsel for the Township, and Groundwater Consultant (Mulhall) attend and offer comments to NJDEP during the public hearing on the **Dewatering Permit** application filed by Transco

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46. April 28, 2016

- Township Committee unanimously adopts Resolution No. 2016-4-11 authorizing the execution of a contract with an attorney possessing expertise regarding FERC matters (Carolyn Elefant, Esq.)

47. May 2, 2016

- At the Township Committee’s Direction, Counsel for Chesterfield Township appealed the BPU’s approval under Docket No. GO15040403 to the Appellate Division of the Superior Court
- Counsel for the Township submitted a supplemental request to NJDEP for an Adjudicatory Hearing on the issuance of a **Flood Hazard Area Permit** to Transco, and/or requesting a stay of the Flood Hazard Permit
- Counsel for the Township submitted comments to NJDEP in opposition to Transco’s application for an individual **Freshwater Wetlands Permit**, and also requesting a public hearing on the Wetlands Permit Application
 - Public Hearing granted by NJDEP in June 29, 2016 letter to Transco
 - Public Hearing date and time TBD

48. May 4, 2016

- At the Township Committee’s direction, Counsel for Chesterfield Township filed a Complaint Seeking Intervention in the **Road Opening Policy Litigation** between NJNG and Burlington County

49. May 5, 2016

- Counsel for Chesterfield Township Submitted a Concise Statement of the Case to the Appellate Division and appeared in Trenton for a Pre-Argument Conference with attorneys for NJNG, the BPU, Rate Counsel, and PPA before Paulette Sapp-Peterson, Presiding Judge of the Appellate Division

50. May 9, 2016

- Through Special Counsel appointed by the Township Committee, Chesterfield Township filed a Request for Rehearing to FERC
 - Granted by FERC on June 8, 2016
- Through Special Counsel appointed by the Township Committee, Chesterfield Township filed a Request to Stay the Certificate of Necessity
 - Denied by FERC on June 8, 2016

51. May 12, 2016

- Township Committee unanimously adopted Resolution No. 2016-5-3 “Opposing New Jersey Natural Gas Company’s Request to the BPU for a Rate Increase”

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52. May 25, 2016

- Counsel for Chesterfield Township filed a Brief in Opposition to NJNG’s Motion for Summary Judgment in the Road Opening Permit Litigation, arguing that the County Road Opening Policy should be upheld and applied to NJNG

53. May 27, 2016

- Counsel for Chesterfield Township submitted written comments to NJDEP in opposition to Transco’s application for a **Temporary Dewatering Permit** and enclosed the report and comments of Consultant Mulhall

54. June 17, 2016

- Counsel for Chesterfield advocated on behalf of Chesterfield during oral argument before Judge Bookbinder on the Road Opening Permit Litigation
- Judge Bookbinder did not strike any portions of the Policy, but did allow the County 60 days to revise provisions that the Court found to be vague or allowed the County Engineer too much discretion

55. July 1, 2016

- Transco submits a Request to FERC seeking permission to begin Partial Construction of Compressor Station 203 in Chesterfield

56. July 5, 2016

- Chesterfield Township submits letter to FERC opposing Transco’s Request to begin Partial Construction of Compressor Station 203 in Chesterfield
- FERC issues letter Order denying Transco’s request to begin construction in Chesterfield until further notice

57. July 14, 2016

- Township Attorney recommends a Freshwater Wetlands Expert to assist in preparing a report challenging the potential issuance of the permit

58. September 29, 2016

- Township Committee unanimously adopts Resolution No. 2016-9-12 – Awarding Contract to Mark Gallagher of Princeton Hydro for Wetlands Expert for the Transco DEP Hearing

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Pending Matters

- Office of Attorney General’s analysis of the request for an Adjudicatory Hearing to the NJDEP re: Transco’s Flood Hazard Permit
- NJDEP’s review of the Adjudicatory Hearing request and issuance of an Order with an evaluation of the request and a determination granting or denying the request
- DAG Geoffrey Gersten’s Statement of Items Comprising the Record in the NJNG MLUL Appeal
- Determination by Appellate Division as to whether the request to consolidate the MLUL, “Pipeline Safety,” and Pinelands Commission appeals will be granted or denied
 - Request to consolidate made or joined by Chesterfield Township, Bordentown Township, Pinelands Preservation Alliance, and New Jersey Rate Counsel
- Issuance of briefing schedule by the Appellate Division in all appeals filed re: BPU SRL approval
- Issuance of permits by NJDEP to Transco
 - Freshwater Wetlands
 - Temporary Dewatering
 - NJPDES
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 - Freshwater Wetlands
 - CAFRA