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Re: Transcontinental Gas Pipe Line Company ("Transco")/Leidy Southeast Expansion Project-Skillman Loop
File No. 0000-13-0012.3FHA160001 (Flood Hazard Individual Permit)
File No. 0000-13-0012.3FWW150001 (Freshwater Wetlands Individual Permit – Major Modification)

Gentlemen:

On behalf of Montgomery Township, I write to supplement the Township's letter of February 24, 2016 (attached herewith) concerning Transco's requests to modify the above-referenced permits.

First and foremost, I respectfully request that you bear in mind that the site subject to the permit modification requests is situated in Montgomery Township. It is the residents of Montgomery Township who suffered the greatest adverse effects of this project, not those of other municipalities or outside groups. Moreover, it is the resources of Montgomery Township that have been severely strained by this project, not those of other municipalities or outside groups. Finally, the affected properties are Township preserved Green Acres properties, not properties preserved by other municipalities or outside groups.

With that in mind, please respect the Township's position and requests, as set forth below:

1. Opposition to Any Further HDD Drill. The Township strenuously opposes any further HDD drilling at the site. The disruption to our residents during the last attempt was unbearable, alarming and unhealthy. The continuous noise impacted our residents' health and prevented them from the quiet enjoyment of their homes. Many actually left their homes during the construction to escape the persistent noise. Under no circumstances should another attempt at

HDD be made. The months-long HDD attempt has convinced the Township that the HDD and other trenchless technologies are not reasonably feasible at this location.

2. Expedite Project. The Township wishes prompt completion of the project and requests NJDEP's consideration to facilitate Transco's expeditious completion of the project. The project has caused significant disruption to traffic patterns, residents' lives and has taxed Township resources. Roads and properties have been damaged by Transco's work. Understandings reached with Transco (prior to commencement of work) regarding soil compaction techniques, seed mixes, maintenance of roads, and other actions were largely ignored by Transco during its work in the Township. The project has taken far longer than originally anticipated and the Township wants the project to be completed and to move on.

3. Local Monitoring and Control. Transco's restoration and maintenance techniques have been largely unsatisfactory. The Township plans to closely monitor the project construction in hopes of avoiding issues encountered during last year's construction such as poorly maintained construction entrances, which resulted in soil erosion and mud on the roadways on a regular basis. The Township appreciates that your staff cannot be at the site every day and has many other obligations. Thus, the Township is seeking NJDEP's support of our request to Transco to allow local monitoring, and hopes that NJDEP will swiftly respond to any issues the Township may report. Site restoration, including restoration of the NJDEP regulated areas, will be improved with this additional oversight.

4. Other Conditions. Please incorporate the additional requests and comments set forth in our February 24, 2016 letter in any approvals of Transco's applications for permit modifications.

Thank you very for the opportunity to be heard on this important matter, any disposition of which will have impacts on Township residents and resources.

Very truly yours,



Patricia Graham, Mayor

cc: Montgomery Township Committee ✓
Montgomery Township Environmental Commission
Montgomery Township Open Space Committee
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