

Resolution Calling Upon the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation to Hold a Public Hearing in Tompkins County and Conduct a Study on Potential Impacts Related to the Dominion New Market Pipeline Project and Expansion of the Borger Compressor Station

WHEREAS, Dominion Transmission, Inc. (DTI), operates an existing 200-mile long natural gas pipeline in New York State that passes through Tompkins County and includes the Borger Compressor Station located at 219 Ellis Hollow Creek Road, Ithaca, NY, in the Town of Dryden, and

WHEREAS, DTI has proposed a \$158 million New Market¹ pipeline expansion project that would involve major changes to the Borger Compressor Station, including addition of gas coolers and other infrastructure alterations; as well as a significant increase in pressure and volume of natural gas moving through an older existing pipeline, and

WHEREAS, the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) is currently accepting public comments regarding the New Market pipeline until September 12, 2016, but has limited comments to those regarding draft air discharge permits, and

WHEREAS, the DEC has scheduled public hearings near the locations of three compressor stations (8/29/16, Morrisville State College, Morrisville, NY; 8/30/16, Corning Community College, Corning, NY; and 9/1/16, Canajoharie Central School District, Canajoharie, NY), and

WHEREAS, the Dryden Town Board would like to ensure that its residents have a similar opportunity to hear any public presentation by the DEC and provide comments regarding both air and water quality certification for the proposed New Market Pipeline Project and the Borger Compressor Station, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Dryden Town Board requests that the DEC hold a public hearing in Tompkins County and, if necessary, extend the comment period to accommodate this request,

RESOLVED, further, that the DEC expand the scope of the comments it accepts to both air and water quality,

RESOLVED, further, that the Dryden Town Board requests a study of the capacity of the pipeline segments in the Town of Dryden and the surrounding area to withstand the proposed increased volume and pressure prior to the issuance of any permit,

RESOLVED, further, that the Dryden Town Board calls upon the DEC to conduct a study of greenhouse gas emissions along the length of the proposed pipeline in New York State including carbon equivalents from methane and utilizing recent scientific evidence regarding methane leakage as has been done in the *2016 Tompkins County Greenhouse Gas Emissions Inventory*², and

RESOLVED, further, that the Town Clerk send copies of this resolution to DEC Commissioner Basil Seggos, Governor Andrew Cuomo, Senator James Seward, Assemblywoman Barbara Lifton, Chair of Assembly Environmental Conservation Committee, Chair of the Senate Environmental Conservation Committee, and email to Christopher M. Hogan NewMarketProject@dec.ny.gov as a comment referencing Application ID's: 4-2730-00038/00001, 7-2530-00033/00001, and 8-0740-00081/00001.

¹ http://www.dec.ny.gov/enb/20160706_not0.html

² <http://tompkinscountyny.igq2.com/Citizens/FileOpen.aspx?Type=1&ID=2667&Inline=True> Page 8