

Resolution Supporting NYSEG Natural Gas Compressor Pilot Project in Tompkins County

WHEREAS, New York State Gas and Electric (NYSEG) has submitted a petition to the New York State Department of Public Service for authorization to construct a natural gas compressor pilot project in Tompkins County referred to as Case number 17-G-0432, and

WHEREAS, this Compressor Project is intended to address the safety, pressure, and reliability issues related to existing customers in the Lansing area of Tompkins County during peak gas demand, and

WHEREAS, this Compressor Project is an alternative to the previously proposed West Dryden Pipeline that would have been installed on West Dryden Road in Dryden, New York, and

WHEREAS, The Compressor Project involves the implementation of four compressors in Tompkins County on existing natural gas distribution lines to increase the pressure on the system to minimize the chance of pressures falling below reliable levels for existing customers in the Lansing area, and

WHEREAS, NYSEG's goal is to have this project completed and in place for the majority of the 2018/2019 heating season, and

WHEREAS, this Compressor Project will not lift the current moratorium on new gas service in the Lansing area, and

WHEREAS, many Dryden and Tompkins County residents have spoken out against the installation of a new natural gas pipeline, and

WHEREAS, methane is a significant greenhouse gas whose emissions must be minimized if Tompkins County can meet its goal of reducing greenhouse gas emissions by 80% by 2050¹, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Dryden Town Board supports NYSEG's Compressor Project as described in their petition application dated 19 July 2017, and further be it

RESOLVED, that the Dryden Town Board requests that the New York Public Service Commission move expeditiously to approve this project so that it may be implemented for the 2018/2019 heating season, and further be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Clerk submit a copy of this resolution as an official comment to the Public Service Commission case number 17-G-0432 before 25 September 2017.

¹ Howarth, R. and Ingraffea, A., Energy and Emission Control Technologies. 2015. Volume 2015:3, pages 45-54.