

Margaret Neary, Sharon Springs, NY.

This is submitted on behalf of the Village of Sharon Springs, pursuant to majority passage of the following resolution.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Village of Sharon Springs, County of Schoharie, State of New York, at a regular meeting held on the 6th day of October, 2014, and an entirety of the Board being present, the following Resolution was offered by Trustee Kelly, seconded by Deputy Mayor Neary:

Resolution Opposing Expansion of Natural Gas Infrastructure in New York State and Protest of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's (FERC) Limited Public Hearing and Review of Dominion Transmission, Inc. Proposed "New Market Project" (Docket# CP14-497-000)

Whereas, global warming and resultant climate instability are broadly considered issues requiring correct and sustained actions by nations, states, and communities; and

Whereas, the consensus of climate scientists is there is a limited window of opportunity to act effectively and correctly to lessen the effects of global warming and climate change; and

Whereas, methane is known to be a much more potent greenhouse gas than carbon dioxide, further exacerbating global warming and climate change; and

Whereas, production and delivery of natural gas is the largest source of methane emissions in the U.S.; and

Whereas, Dominion Transmission, Inc. has proposed significant expansion of natural gas processing and transport affecting large areas of our state via the proposed "New Market Project"; and

Whereas, the three compressor stations plus significant expansion of other facilities in the proposed project will continuously emit methane, carbon dioxide, and hazardous chemicals into the atmosphere, expected to be greater than 200,000 tons of additional greenhouse gases each year; and

Whereas, the largest and most polluting of the three compressor stations would be located just to the north of Schoharie County, in Montgomery County; further, this proposed facility would be powered by 18,500 horsepower engines, effecting prodigious noise to the surrounding community and emitting nearly twice the pollutants of the other two proposed facilities, and 16 times the VOC's (Volatile Organic Compounds) per Dominion's application; and

Whereas, in addition to exacerbating climate change, the emissions of this additional infrastructure threaten air quality and public health across wide swaths of New York State, and can reasonably be expected to have these ill effects in our region.

Therefore, the Village of Sharon Springs, located in Schoharie County, unequivocally opposes Dominion Transmission's proposed "New Market Project."

Furthermore, the Village of Sharon Springs protests the FERC's single public hearing on this application, considering the scope of the proposed project and its expected effects, and calls for additional hearings, closer to affected areas, i.e., Brookman Corners, and an extension of the time period for acceptance of public comments and concerns.

Furthermore, the Village of Sharon Springs, taking into account this project's resultant, significant air pollution, and other threats to public health including explosion risks - considers the abbreviated Environmental Assessment (EA) to be grossly inadequate and irresponsible, and calls for a full environmental Impact Statement (EIS) of Dominion Transmission's proposed "New Market Project."

Mayor Doug Plummer	Aye
Deputy Mayor Neary	Aye
Trustee White	Aye
Trustee Kelly	Aye
Trustee Navilio	Opposed

RESOLUTION ADOPTED at Sharon Springs, NY

Signed and Certified by Joshua Stilwell, Village Clerk      Dated October 8, 2014

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