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Mayor calls on National Grid to withdraw controversial pipeline, community says the fight must continue to stop gas from flowing, rate hike, and LNG expansion

New York - This morning, New York City Mayor Bill de Blasio announced that he is joining tens of thousands of Brooklyn community members in opposing National Grid's controversial Metropolitan Reliability Infrastructure (MRI), locally known as the North Brooklyn Pipeline. **The No North Brooklyn Pipeline Coalition issued the following response:**

"We're glad the Mayor is choosing to stand with Brooklyn communities in opposing National Grid's racist fracked gas pipeline that is being built through predominantly Black and Brown neighborhoods. And we expect he'll be doing everything in his power to stop fracked gas from flowing through this pipeline, to stop the dangerous LNG (Liquefied Natural Gas) facility at the head of this pipeline, and to fight National Grid's egregious rate hike to make us pay for it. Community members have put their bodies on the line to halt construction and tens of thousands of public comments have been submitted against the North Brooklyn Pipeline. With the Mayor's announcement, there is now unified opposition from local, citywide and federal elected officials. Governor Cuomo now needs to choose to stand with the people of New York and reject National Grid's rate hike and the expansion of its LNG depot on Newtown Creek in Greenpoint."

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Media availability: Members of the No North Brooklyn Pipeline Coalition are available for interview upon request.

More info on the North Brooklyn Pipeline at www.nonbkpipeline.org