

RESOLUTION NO. 504

REQUESTING TENNESSEE GAS PIPELINE COMPANY, LLC TO HOLD PUBLIC FORUMS IN ALBANY COUNTY, NEW YORK TO PROVIDE PUBLIC INFORMATION REGARDING A PROPOSED PIPELINE EXPANSION PROJECT AFFECTING SEVERAL ALBANY COUNTY MUNICIPALITIES

Introduced: 12/8/14

By Messrs. Beston, Bullock, Ms. Chapman, Messrs. Clay, Clenahan, Commisso, Ms. Connolly, Messrs. Corcoran, Dawson, Domalewicz, Ethier, Feeney, Higgins, Jacobson, Joyce, Mss. Kinsch, Maffia-Tobler, Mr. Mayo, Mss. McLean Lane, McKnight, Messrs. Morse, Nichols, O'Brien, Rahm, Reilly, Simpson, Ward and Stevens:

WHEREAS, Tennessee Gas Pipeline Company, LLC (Tennessee Gas) has proposed a project, entitled the Northeast Energy Direct Project that will have an impact on the Company's existing pipeline system in New York, Pennsylvania, Massachusetts, New Hampshire and Connecticut, and

WHEREAS, Four Albany County municipalities: the Towns of Knox, Berne, New Scotland and Bethlehem are hosts to existing Tennessee Gas rights-of-way that represents the currently-intended route of the Albany County portion of the project, and

WHEREAS, Some landowners in the Town of New Scotland have been contacted by representatives of Tennessee Gas soliciting property access for the purpose of survey work and potential for acquisition of land and/or easements to establish an expanded right-of-way for the project, and

WHEREAS, Tennessee Gas has hosted thirty-nine public information sessions in Massachusetts and eastern New York since April 2014, none of which included a forum in Albany County, and

WHEREAS, Tennessee Gas announced plans for a series of additional public information sessions in New York and Pennsylvania in December, January and February, but the Company has not planned a forum in Albany County, and

WHEREAS, Tennessee Gas has now postponed hosting additional Northeast Energy Direct Project public information sessions to allow the public, municipal officials and other stakeholders along the proposed route to have additional time to examine information and materials submitted to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, now, therefore be it

RESOLVED By the Albany County Legislature that Tennessee Gas Pipeline Company, LLC is requested to hold a public forum in the County of Albany to answer questions and present the company's plans relating to the proposed Northeast Energy Direct Project, and, be it further

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the Legislature is directed to forward a certified copy of this resolution to Tennessee Gas Pipeline Company, LLC, Senator Charles Schumer, Senator Kristen Gillibrand, Congressman Paul Tonko, State Senator Cecelia

Tkaczyk, Assemblywoman Patricia Fahy, Assemblyman Phillip Steck, Senator-elect Amedore, as well as the Supervisors of the Towns of New Scotland, Knox, Berne and Bethlehem, and the appropriate staff at the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.

Adopted by unanimous vote. 12/8/14