

A Message to our South Jersey Community

Dear Residents of South Jersey,

I am sure that many of you have heard or read about our plan to construct a new natural gas pipeline in southern New Jersey. In doing so, we will achieve two important energy-related benefits. The first is to provide natural gas service to the B.L. England electric generation facility located in Beesley's Point, which is currently being powered with coal. Without a supply of natural gas, this critical facility will be required to shut down, jeopardizing electric reliability across southeastern New Jersey.

In addition to providing service to B.L. England, the pipeline will significantly improve the reliability of our natural gas system serving customers in Atlantic and Cape May counties. By interconnecting with our existing system, this pipeline will provide a critical back-up supply of natural gas into these two counties, which is of great importance during natural disasters, such as Superstorm Sandy or other unanticipated events.

This pipeline will run below or in the shoulder of NJ State Highway Routes 49 and 50 and Tuckahoe Road in portions of Maurice River Township, Estell Manor and Upper Township and will not cut into protected areas of the Pinelands.

On May 21, we amended our previous application with the Pinelands Commission and are now pursuing a Certificate of Filing for the project. We decided to take this approach because a number of new facts demonstrate that this project complies with the requirements of the Pinelands Comprehensive Management Plan and will primarily benefit the Pinelands.

This project will have other important benefits for the region, including:

- A significant reduction in emissions resulting from the conversion to natural gas at B.L. England and
- A reliable, local source of electricity that will reduce electricity congestion costs and prevent electric reliability problems which would require significant expenditures to remedy.

Before presenting our amended plans for this project to the Pinelands Commission, we completed an extensive review process that involved the evaluation of eight potential routes for the pipeline. Our staff, along with highly respected, external experts in the fields of natural gas and land-use, has carefully studied all aspects of the plan to confirm the selected route will have the least impact on residents and the environment; enhance reliability for our customers in Atlantic and Cape May counties; and meet the requirements for repowering the B.L. England facility. This conclusion also was affirmed by the NJ Department of Environmental Protection.

The purpose of this letter is to inform you, our valued customers, about the facts relating to this project. If you'd like to learn more, I invite you to visit the South Jersey Gas Pipeline Reliability Project website at www.capeatlanticreliability.com.



Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jeff DuBois".

Jeff DuBois
President
South Jersey Gas

