

TOWNSHIP OF UPPER  
CAPE MAY COUNTY  
RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION NO. 57 -2015

RE: IN SUPPORT OF THE SOUTH JERSEY GAS PROPOSED NATURAL GAS PIPELINE  
TO ENHANCE RELIABILITY FOR ELECTRIC AND GAS CUSTOMERS OF  
CAPE MAY AND ATLANTIC COUNTIES

WHEREAS, last year the New Jersey Pinelands Commission voted down a memorandum of agreement to allow the construction of a 22 mile long natural gas pipeline needed to provide reliability to Cape May and Atlantic Counties, as well as to serve the B.L. England Electric Generating Station; and

WHEREAS, the existing South Jersey Gas system only has one feed into Cape May County making it one of the most vulnerable areas to loss of service in the state; and

WHEREAS, there are 142,000 residents and businesses still without a reliable back-up supply of natural gas and vulnerable to a disruption of natural gas services due to Mother Nature, an excavator's mistake, or terroristic act; and

WHEREAS, disruption like that which occurred with Superstorm Sandy could severely interrupt service for multiple weeks to thousands of customers within Atlantic and Cape May Counties; and

WHEREAS, any loss of service would have a significant impact on public health and safety of those affected and cause serious damage to the region's economy; and

WHEREAS, the proposed pipeline would have minimal impact on the Pinelands forest, constructed entirely within existing rights-of-way below and alongside state highways like Route 49 and 50; and

WHEREAS, the pipeline would provide the additional benefit of enabling the conversion of the coal powered B.L. England Generating Station, long known as one of the most polluting power plants in the state, to convert to cleaner more efficient burning natural gas; and

WHEREAS, without the pipeline the plant will be forced to close resulting in the loss of the only major source of electric generation for the region and will require the construction of miles of high tension electric transmission lines that would be forced to cross sensitive areas within the Pinelands forest; and

WHEREAS, one year after the failed decision by the Pinelands Commission our region is still without a safe and reliable source of energy; and


**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Committee of the Township of Upper, in the County of Cape May and State of New Jersey, as follows:

1. The allegations of the preamble are incorporated herein by this reference.
2. Due to the compelling public need for the safety of our residents, economy, and protection of our environment, the Township Committee of the Township of Upper strongly requests South

Jersey Gas apply for permission to the Pinelands Commission to construct this much needed pipeline, and ask that the Pinelands Commission render its decision favorable.

3. A copy of this resolution shall be provided to Governor Christie, Lieutenant Governor Guadagno, Congressman LoBiondo, Senate President Sweeney, Senator Van Drew, Senator Whelan, Assemblyman Fiocchi, Assemblyman Andrzejczak, Assemblyman Brown, Assemblyman Mazzeo, The Press of Atlantic City, and the Cape May County Herald.

  
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RICHARD PALOMBO, Mayor

  
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BARBARA L. YOUNG, Township Clerk

Resolution No. 57 -2015  
Offered by: Pierson  
Adopted: February 23, 2015

Seconded by: Barr

Roll Call Vote:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>YES</u>	<u>NO</u>	<u>ABSTAINED</u>	<u>ABSENT</u>
Barr	<u>X</u>	_____	_____	_____
Coggins	<u>X</u>	_____	_____	_____
Pierson	<u>X</u>	_____	_____	_____
Young	<u>X</u>	_____	_____	_____
Palombo	<u>X</u>	_____	_____	_____