

**BOROUGH OF WEST WILDWOOD  
COUNTY OF CAPE MAY  
NEW JERSEY**

**RESOLUTION 2015-064**

**A RESOLUTION 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 Superstorn 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

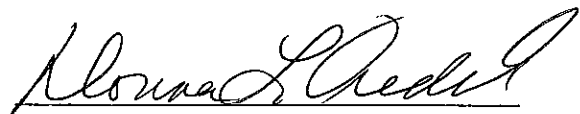
**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Committee of the Township of Upper, in the County of Cape May and State of New Jersey, as follows:

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.

	Motion	Second	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Mayor Christopher J. Fox			X			
Commissioner Scott W. Golden		X	X			
Commissioner Cornelius J. Maxwell	X		X			

I, **Donna L. Frederick, RMC, Municipal Clerk** for the Borough of West Wildwood in the County of Cape May and State of New Jersey, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a correct and true copy of a Resolution adopted by the Board of Commissioners of the Borough of West Wildwood, New Jersey at a **Regular Meeting** held on **April 2, 2015**.



**Donna L. Frederick, RMC**  
Municipal Clerk