

BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS

COUNTY OF ATLANTIC

NORTHFIELD, NEW JERSEY

THE ATTACHED RESOLUTION

WAS ADOPTED BY

THE BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS OF

THE COUNTY OF ATLANTIC

AT A MEETING ON

THE 28th DAY OF January, 2014.



SONYA G. HARRIS
CLERK, BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS



Approved as to Form and Legality

Roger C. Steedle, Legislative Counsel

Submitted By:

Sponsor: Frank D. Formica
 Co-Sponsor: Ernest D. Coursey
 Frank Sutton

Freeholder Sponsor

RESOLUTION URGING THE PINELANDS COMMISSION TO LOOK FAVORABLY ON A "WAIVER" APPLICATION

WHEREAS, an application was made to the Pinelands Commission for a natural gas pipeline through the forested Pinelands reserve to supply natural gas to the B.L. England Generating Station in Beesleys Point, New Jersey, which must switch from coal by May 2015 or face a shutdown; and

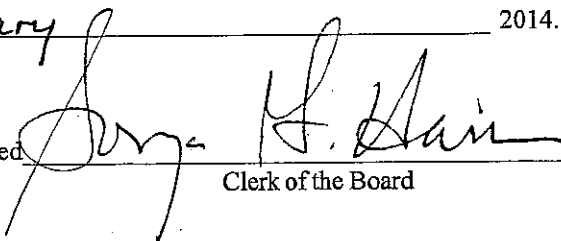
WHEREAS, the Pinelands Commission staff had recommended its Board pass a draft memorandum of agreement involving itself, the Board of Public Utilities, and South Jersey Gas Company allowing such a pipeline; and

WHEREAS, the measure was defeated by a 7-7 vote on the Pinelands Commission at a January 10, 2014 meeting, the Commission's rules requiring a minimum of 8 votes to pass; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Atlantic is concerned that a shutdown of the B.L. England Generating Station could adversely affect the power grid capacity for Southern New Jersey, leading to possible brownouts and other power supply problems for the Atlantic County area; and

I, Sonya G. Harris, Clerk of the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Atlantic, State of New Jersey, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a correct and true copy of a resolution adopted by the Board at a meeting duly held

on the 28th day of January 2014.

Signed 
 Clerk of the Board

RECORD OF VOTE															
FREEHOLDER	MOVED	SECOND	YES	NO	NV	ABS	AB	FREEHOLDER	MOVED	SECOND	YES	NO	NV	ABS	AB
BELL			✓					PAULS			✓				
BERTINO			✓					RISLEY	✓		✓				
COURSEY			✓					SUTTON			✓				
DASE		✓	✓					FORMICA, Chairman			✓				
MARINO			✓												
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WHEREAS, a procedure was noted to exist whereby South Jersey Gas Company could apply to the Pinelands Commission for a "waiver of strict compliance" so as to allow a variance on development, which requires applicants to demonstrate a compelling public need; and

WHEREAS, in the event that South Jersey Gas Company does file an application for such a waiver, the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Atlantic deems it important that it voice its concern and urges the Pinelands Commission to look favorably on such an application;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Atlantic that, if the South Jersey Gas Company does file an application for such a waiver, that the Board urges that the Pinelands Commission look favorably on such a waiver.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a certified copy of this Resolution be directed to the Pinelands Commission, the Board of Public Utilities, and South Jersey Gas Company.