

Mayor and Council

400 Witherspoon Street Princeton, NJ 08540 Meeting: 08/07/17 07:00 PM Department: Clerk

RESOLUTION 17-247

Resolution Opposing the Construction and Installation of a Compressor Station for Connection to the Transco Pipeline by Williams on the Proposed Route 27 Location Owned by Trap Rock

WHEREAS, Williams is an energy Infrastructure company that operates the Transco Natural Gas Pipeline which transports natural gas from South Texas to New York City, and

WHEREAS, Williams is proposing the Northeast Supply Enhancement Project for construction and installation of a compressor station (Facility # 206) for connection to the Transco Pipeline on a portion of the Trap Rock Quarry property located near the intersection of Route 27 and Promenade Boulevard to supply the Brooklyn and Rockaway areas of New York at the request of their customer, "Natural Grid", and

WHEREAS, the residents of Princeton live in close proximity to the proposed Williams Transco Compressor Station at the Trap Rock Quarry within the Township of Franklin; and

WHEREAS, Williams has not yet identified the specifications and comprehensive exhaust output on chemical constituents of compressor air emissions including intensity, frequency and duration; and

WHEREAS emissions from compressor stations include nitrogen oxides, particulate matter, carbon monoxide, volatile organic compounds and hazardous air pollutants such as formaldehyde and benzene which have been shown to cause respiratory conditions, cancer and cardiovascular conditions; and

WHEREAS modeling shows that emissions from the proposed compressor station could negatively impact air quality in Princeton; and

WHEREAS the proposed compressor station poses risks to wetland and water quality in the Carter's Brook area; and

WHEREAS safety concerns have been raised regarding the placement of the compressor station adjacent to a property where blasting of rock occurs regularly as well as the lack of first responders and equipment needed in case of a fire or explosion at the site; and

WHEREAS New York's energy needs could alternatively be approached through increased energy efficiency and the use of renewable energy sources, eliminating the need to install the proposed compressor station,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Mayor and Council of Princeton opposes the construction and installation of the proposed compressor station and urges the members of United States Congress, United States Senate and New Jersey legislature to oppose this application.

Councilperson	Absent	Present	1 st	2 nd	Yea	Nay	Abstain	Disqualified
Ms. Butler		X			X			
Ms. Crumiller		X		X	X			
Ms. Howard		X			X			
Mr. Liverman		X			X			
Mr. Miller		X	X		X			
Mr. Quinn		X			X			
Mayor Lempert		X						

I, Delores A. Williams, Deputy Municipal Clerk of Princeton, do hereby certify that the above is a true copy of a resolution adopted by the Mayor and Council of Princeton at a meeting held August 7, 2017.

Delores A. Williams, Deputy Municipal Clerk

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