**TO: Commissioner McCabe, Director Foster, Assistant Director Ratzman, Policy Advisor Urbish, and Governor Murphy**

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**Reference: Air Pollution Control - Preconstruction Permit and Certificate to Operate Construction of a New Source - for Proposed Compressor Station 206 - RT 518, Franklin Township, NJ 08873**

**Permit Activity Number: PCP170001 PI Number:  36396**

**Application: January 6, 2017 Approval: September 7, 2017**

I am requesting action from the NJDEP pertaining to the above-referenced permit with:

* concerns about air pollution and its effect on the health of humans, wildlife and the environment;
* appreciation of the NJDEP’s commitment to assist in preserving, sustaining, protecting and enhancing the environment to ensure the integration of high environmental quality, public health and economic vitality in partnership with the general public, businesses, environmental communities and government entities through aggressive environmental protection and conservation efforts; and
* awareness that the proposed Northeast Supply Enhancement (NESE) Project is incompatible with the State’s goal to reduce emissions by 80% from the 2006 baseline by 2050 or Governor Murphy’s Executive Order 28 goal for the State to obtain 100% clean energy sources by January 1, 2050.

In December 2017, the NJDEP determined that the thresholds for Hazardous Air Pollutants (HAPs) needed to be lowered to protect human health, and new standards were effective in February 2018 in N.J.A.C. 7:27-17.9. This, in part, was to address air quality deterioration in New Jersey.

The above-referenced air pollution control permit was issued for the Northeast Supply Enhancement Project’s Compressor Station 206 before these new standards were in effect, and it relied on data that involved estimates and modeling rather than asking for actual measurements of emissions at an existing Solar Mars 100 unit. For this permit, standards for emissions were based on one individual turbine even though two turbines are planned for this site, and the amount of formaldehyde predicted to be emitted from two turbines exceeded the old standards.

**Since there has been no activity by Williams/Transco on the permit pertaining to Compressor Station 206, and since N.J.A.C. 7:27-8.16 allows for the NJDEP to withdraw a permit if activity hasn’t happened within one year of receiving a permit, I request that the NJDEP:**

1. **Withdraw the permit that was issued on September 7, 2017 (Permit Activity Number: PCP170001;**

**PI Number:  36396), and**

1. **Require Williams/Transco to submit a new air quality permit application that will need to comply with the new air quality standards.**

Additionally, since (a) the two turbines proposed as part of Compressor Station 206 will EACH exceed the reporting thresholds of HAPs in N.J.A.C. 7:27-17.9, (b) the proposed Compressor Station 206 would be next to another air polluting industrial site (Trap Rock Quarry), (c) the ambient air quality sampling was done at remote sites (Elizabeth, East & North Brunswick, and Philadelphia), and (d) FERC declined to mandate completion of a Health Impact Assessment around the proposed Compressor Station 206 even though there are many studies indicating that NAAQS are not necessarily protective of human health, I am requesting that the NJDEP:

1. require installation and real-time monitoring of air pollutants from the compressor station, if it is built, at the actual site of Compressor Station 206, and
2. make this data publically available online.

Sincerely,

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