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RESOLUTION URGING THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL
PROTECTION TO CONDUCT A LOCAL PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING THE
WILLIAMS/NESE PIPELINE ON THE BAYSHORE AND TO EXTEND THE
PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

WHEREAS, Williams Transco has proposed a 23.4 mile, 26 inch diameter pipeline project to expand the existing transmission system to transport natural "fracked" gas from Pennsylvania through Raritan Bay to New York; and

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection is considering the application for a Freshwater Wetlands Permit for the proposed development project; and

WHEREAS, a public hearing is scheduled for March 18, 2019 at 5 PM in Middlesex County; and

WHEREAS, despite being directly affected from the proposed Williams/NESE pipeline, there has been no public hearing within the Bayshore.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Monmouth County Board of Chosen Freeholders hereby calls on the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection to extend the public comment period regarding the proposed Williams/NESE pipeline 45 days and that within the extension period, a public hearing be conducted on the Williams/NESE pipeline in the Bayshore region of Monmouth County as the proposed pipeline traverses Raritan Bay adjacent to the County of Monmouth.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that good governance depends on transparency and due process and, thus, the Monmouth County Bayshore must have an opportunity to be heard.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk forward a certified true copy of this resolution to the Governor of the State of New Jersey; New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection Commissioner, Catherine McCabe; the President of the New Jersey State Senate; the Speaker of the General Assembly; the Monmouth County Legislative Delegation, the New Jersey Association of Counties and all other Boards of Chosen Freeholders and Clean Ocean Action.