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Re: Applications for requested program approvals from NJDEP, submitted on June 10, 2019 to Christopher Jones of NJDEP’s Land Use Regulation

- **Waterfront Development Individual Permit with Section 401 Water Quality Certification and Coastal Zone Management Act Consistency Determination**
- **Flood Hazard Area Individual Permit and Verifiation**
- **Freshwater Wetlands Individual Permit with Section 401 Water Quality Certification**

Requests:

- (1) Request that NJDEP hold two (2) public fact-finding meetings (“hearings”) pertaining to separate aspects of the applications:**
 - **one near the proposed Compressor Station 206 in Franklin Twp. (Somerset County) and**
 - **another by the Madison & Raritan Bay Loops in Old Bridge & Sayreville (Middlesex County)**
- (2) Request that NJDEP deny the permit applications from Transcontinental Gas Pipeline Corporation (Williams/Transco) for the NESE Project due to incompleteness and maintain authority over this permitting process**

Dear Commissioner McCabe and Director Foster:

I recognize that the NJ Department of Environmental Protection has the authority and responsibility to protect the waters and wetlands of New Jersey from damaging projects under the federal Clean Water Act. I expect the NJDEP to hold Williams/Transco fully accountable to New Jersey’s laws and regulations protecting our water and other natural resources. Following denial of all permit applications for the NESE Project by NJDEP on June 5, 2019, the new applications submitted for these permits by Williams/Transco on June 10, 2019, do nothing to substantively address issues raised by the NJDEP and other experts and residents about the 2018 applications.

The new application did not include an alternate plan for siting of the proposed Compressor Station 206, its road and pipeline tie-in areas that would substantially reduce impacts to wetlands and exceptional resource value transition areas, and Williams/Transco noted that they would provide the NJDEP with modeling of contaminant parameters that were identified in the NJDEP’s 6/5/19 Notice of Denial since the current proposal for dredging for the Raritan Bay Loop continues to show toxic chemical impact on surface water quality that does not meet State standards.

Therefore, I request that the NJDEP **(a) deny the 6/10/19 permit applications of Williams/Transco for the NESE project and maintain its authority to protect the waters of New Jersey, and (b) schedule two (2) hearings to address the deficiencies that persist in the applications in locations that are easily accessible by impacted and concerned residents.**

Sincerely,

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