

## Resolution 185-2014

### NATURAL GAS COMPRESSOR STATION

**WHEREAS**, Agencies of the Federal Government approved the construction of a natural gas compressor station in the Borough of Roseland that is owned and operated by Williams Partners Company and their subsidiary known as The Transcontinental Gas Pipeline Company "Transco"; and

**WHEREAS**, natural gas compressor stations pose many potential hazards to people, to property and to the environment; and

**WHEREAS**, the Roseland Governing Body along with The Roseland Compressor Station Ad Hoc Committee and a private citizens group known as Roseland Against The Compressor Station "RACS" have identified potential harmful issues associated with the operation of natural gas compressor stations; and

**WHEREAS**, it is the mission of The Roseland Governing Body along with The Roseland Compressor Station Ad Hoc Committee and the RACS Committee to preserve the health, safety, and welfare of Roseland citizens and the community at large from any potential harm that may affect people, property, and the environment due to the operation of the subject federally approved natural gas compressor station; and

**WHEREAS**, The Roseland Governing Body along with The Roseland Compressor Station Ad Hoc Committee and the RACS Committee have called upon many Federal and State Agencies that grant approval for the construction of, and who regulate and have oversight over the ongoing operations of natural gas compressor stations including Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC), United States Department of Transportation (USDOT and the departments within the DOT including Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA), the US Department of Homeland Security, and the (New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection) NJDEP; and

**WHEREAS**, the concerned parties have enlisted the assistance of our Federal and State representatives to help protect the residents from any potentially disastrous event at the subject natural gas compressor station as is evident in the letter from Congressman Rodney Frelinghuysen dated April 8, 2014 wherein he suggests "an independent review of possible safety concerns; and

**WHEREAS**, it is the Governing Body's belief that these concerns are serious and genuine and we are passionate about protecting our residents from potentially harmful and devastating consequences resulting from any event at the subject federally approved facility situated in our community. We support Congressman Frelinghuysen's advocacy for an independent study which we believe should be funded by the operator of the compressor station and or the federal agencies that approved of and who have oversight of the subject compressor station.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Roseland Governing Body calls upon the Federal and State Agencies that have approved of and who have oversight over the operation of the subject facility and associated natural gas transportation pipeline take immediate and ongoing action to protect our community and the broader community from any type of potential adverse effects to people and property that could be imposed upon us as a result of the subject facility operating in our community and to furnish to us materials and information at regular intervals evidencing the actions that these agencies have taken to protect us from harm.

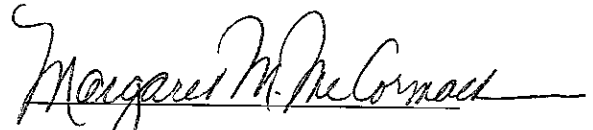
**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, as per the recommendation of Congressman Frelinghuysen in his letter dated April 8, 2014 addressed to Acting Director Cheryl A. Lafleur, of FERC, that the owner/operator of the aforementioned compressor station and/or the Federal agencies fund an independent safety study relative to this project.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that upon passage, a copy of this resolution shall be forwarded to the following recipients:

The FERC, USDOT, PHMSA, US Department of Homeland Security, NJDEP, Honorable Chris Christie, Governor, State of New Jersey; Hon. Robert Menendez, U.S. Senator; Hon. Cory Booker, U.S. Senator; Hon. Rodney P. Frelinghuysen, Congressman.



JOHN DUTHIE, MAYOR



MARGARET M. MC CORMACK  
ACTING BOROUGH CLERK

Approved: May 20, 2014

ROLL CALL

Aye: Jacobs, Tolli, Smith, Vidovich

Nay: Leonard

Absent: Tsilionis

Abstain: N/A