

Good afternoon Joan,

Thank you for taking the time to speak with me yesterday relative to the captioned subject. Thank you too for providing me with some much needed guidance and for offering your assistance to our borough as we deal with this federally approved project that is affecting our lovely community. We have a couple of concerns that have been brought forward by two groups. One group is the RACS (Roseland Against The Compressor Station) and the other group is an ad hoc committee of concerned citizens that share the same concerns as the RACS committee. The RACS committee submitted a petition to our Governing Body requesting that we research whether or not any federal authority debated the potential hazards associated with the location of the compressor station relative to the PSE&G power substation that has recently been upgraded. The upgrade to the PSE&G electric power station included the doubling of the voltage carried through the high tension wires as part of the Northeast Reliability Project and the Roseland to Susquehanna project. The Gas Compressor station is located on the property that abuts the electric substation and the high voltage lines hang above the gas compressor station and the gas lines, as both utilities follow the same right of way. The public, along with our Governing Body, are gravely concerned that a wire could fall while arcing and penetrate the gas compressor station and/or the gas main and cause an explosion. We addressed this concern with the folks from Williams/Transco who agreed that the possibility exists for such an occurrence, but they offered no resolution to our concerns. It is difficult for a borough such as ours to gain access to information on whether or not FERC, PHMSA, BPU etc... ever examined the proximity of the two utilities to one another and the potential increased hazards that exist due to the close proximity of the two utilities. As a lay person, I agree that placing a high horsepower, interstate gas compressor station right next door to a high voltage electrical power substation station might not be the best idea. However, I am not an expert in the field. We are hoping that you may help us to secure the answer to our concern from whomever granted the approval at the federal level. Regretfully, Roseland does not possess the necessary resources to secure all of the answers to our constituent's concerns, and therefore, we are requesting assistance from your office. One additional concern that has been brought forward is the need for independent air monitoring. As you may recall, Rodney did send a letter out relative to the release of gas from the subject site that resulted in the evacuation of our local grammar school that is located more than ½ mile from the compressor station site! We have been trying to locate an independent air quality monitoring firm. However, our search seems to be in vane, as most of the folks who perform this type of testing work directly for companies like Williams/Transco. We were thinking that due to the fact that Williams/Transco has already had an "event" in Roseland that has caused the evacuation of our grammar school that perhaps your office could assist us in getting some help relative to independent air monitoring services through some department of the government.

Joan, thank you so much for instructing me to send you this email expressing our concerns. We really need your help & we appreciate your efforts. We look forward to hearing back from you at your earliest convenience.

Again, many thanks!

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Dear Mayor *J. Duthie*:

Thank you for alerting me to your concerns with the Williams Transco Pipeline's proximity to the Public Service Gas and Electric (PSE&G) high tension lines. I certainly understand how the increase in voltage in PSE&G's lines as a result of the Northeast Reliability and the Roseland to Susquehanna Projects, especially as these lines traverse the same path as the pipeline, would be worrisome to our mutual constituents!

Although I find it difficult to conceive that the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) would not have considered the possible impact on the area when they reviewed both the Williams Transco and the PSE&G's applications, this is certainly an issue that should be closely examined. Please know I have reached out to FERC to request their immediate, expedited review.

Thank you, again, for updating me, as I appreciate having the opportunity to be of assistance.

Sincerely,

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*Thanks, too,
in Speeding
with me at
that wonderful
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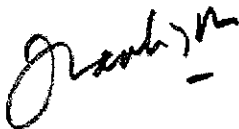
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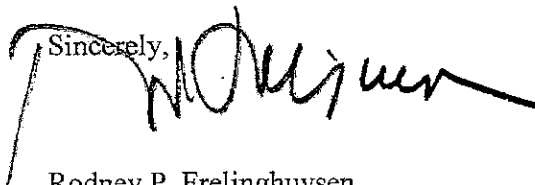
I am reaching out to you once again regarding continuing concerns with the Williams TRANSCO Project in Roseland, New Jersey, in my Congressional District, Docket No. CP12-30-000). It was recently brought to my attention that two other FERC-approved projects may have direct bearing on the safety of my constituents, the Public Service Gas and Electric (PSE&G) Northeast Reliability and the Susquehanna Projects.

It has only recently brought to my attention that the PSE&G increased voltage high tension wires run the same right-of-way as the TRANSCO Pipeline through Roseland. When the Roseland governing body approached Williams to voice concerns about the possibility of a wire arcing and penetrating the gas compression station and/or the main and cause an explosion, Williams acknowledged the possibility did exist for such an occurrence, but could offer no resolution to abate the municipalities concern.

Although FERC reviewed the Williams and two PSE&G applications separately, I am hopeful you will confirm that the FERC looked at the possibility of a disastrous impact that could result due to the proximity of these projects. If this was not part of the review of these applications I would request your assurance that such a review will take place immediately and that all work on these projects will stop until such time as the safety of my constituents can be assured!

Your expedited review and response would be appreciated. Thank you.



Sincerely,


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