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Roseland Borough Council Calls Upon Williams/Transco Pipeline Company  
To Finally Hold a Public Community Meeting in Roseland  
About Their Proposal to Build a Second Compressor Station  
and a Massive Increase In the Amount of Gas Coming Through Roseland

The Roseland Borough Council today called upon the Williams/Transco pipeline company to agree to hold a public community meeting about their proposal to build a second gas compressor on Eagle Rock Avenue next to the Essex County Environmental Center as part of a "Gateway Expansion Project."

If built, this second compressor would more than double the amount of gas that will come through Roseland. Some estimates indicate that there could be 10 times more gas.

If built, the gas, after leaving the compressor station site, will be pushed under increased pressure through a 60-year old pipeline under at least 15 northern NJ towns before going under the Hudson River.

John Duthie, Mayor of Roseland, stated: "In October of 2017, after we learned of their plans, the Borough Council passed a motion which stated: 'we oppose Williams/Transco filing their application at the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission to expand their operations in Roseland without disclosing their plans with residents.' Six months later, they have yet to do so in an open public forum."

Chris Bardi, Councilman, explained: "In the borough's communications with them on behalf of the council, Williams/Transco has refused to present their proposal in public unless all questions are received in writing beforehand. No public questions or comments from the community would be allowed at the meeting, and some of the questions would only be answered in writing after the meeting. This is completely unacceptable."

The Council also recently created a Williams Transco Gateway Expansion Project Ad Hoc Committee comprised of three members of the Borough Council, four members of the steering committee of the Roseland Against the Compressor Station Coalition, and four members of the general public.

A number of government bodies and officials have recently either come out publicly against the project or have called upon the NJ Department of Environmental Protection to hold a public hearing in Roseland before any decisions are made on permits: the Roseland Borough Council, County Executive Joe Divincenzo (who is opposed), State Assembly members Mila Jasey and John McKeon, State Senator Richard Codey and the Essex County Environmental Commission.

This proposed Gateway Expansion Project has so far received no permits from the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission and only one of at least nine needed from the NJ Department of Environmental Protection. Without all of those permits, it cannot be built.