

2015-145) **WHEREAS**, Kinder Morgan, by its subsidiary Tennessee Gas Pipeline, LLC, is proposing a large natural gas pipeline to run through southern Rensselaer County, including the Town of Schodack, referenced as the Northeast Energy Direct (NED) pipeline project; and

WHEREAS, Kinder Morgan is seeking approval from the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) for federal eminent domain status, to allow the project to proceed; and

WHEREAS, the citizens of the Town of Schodack have expressed strong opposition to this project, based upon a series of concerns:

1. The proposed NED pipeline would be large (36 inches in diameter) with a high pressure (1460 psi), which in turn would result in major public safety issues in the Town of Schodack;
2. The public safety issues will result in strains to fire departments and other emergency responders in the Town;
3. The public safety concerns will reduce property values in the Town of Schodack along the route of the proposed pipeline;
4. The project would create the risk of substantial damage to the health, safety, and environment of the Town of Schodack including damage to the aquifer;
5. The compensation, if any, paid to property owners by the pipeline operator would not come close to compensating for the major economic and environmental damages to the Town;
6. The project includes the siting of a compressor station, reportedly in the Town of Schodack. The industrial size of this proposed compressor station would result in significant noise and other environmental impacts to residents near the compressor site; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Schodack shares the concerns expressed by many residents, and wishes to give formal expression of this opposition to Kinder Morgan, FERC, and more particularly to our federal representatives in Congress;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Schodack hereby goes on record to express its strong opposition to the siting of this pipeline and the compressor station anywhere within the Town of Schodack; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Schodack Town Clerk is hereby directed to send a certified copy of this resolution to the representatives of the Town in Congress, to wit, Hon. Charles Schumer, Hon. Kirsten Gillibrand, and Hon. Chris Gibson and Hon. Paul Tonko.

2016-102) **WHEREAS**, the Schodack Town Board has endeavored to protect the health, safety and quality of life of those who live and work in Schodack, along with protecting the economic viability of our community and property rights; and

WHEREAS, Kinder Morgan has proposed the development of a large natural gas pipeline, known as Northeast Energy Direct, which would be routed through significant areas of the Northeast including, the Town of Schodack; and

WHEREAS, based on a review of the potential impacts of the pipeline in Schodack, including expected damage to the environment, property values, health and safety, and ongoing and future economic development efforts, this Town Board has stated opposition to the proposed Kinder Morgan, or Northeast Energy Direct, pipeline project; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board has also opposed the proposed Kinder Morgan-N.E.D. pipeline because of potential impacts to the value of property in town, recreational use and enjoyment of affected properties and potential difficulties for local emergency services and other local municipal services; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board has also stated opposition to the location of a compressor station for the pipeline project in town because of potential impacts to health, safety, quality of life and property values; and

WHEREAS, this Town Board restates opposition to a possible compressor station in Schodack in recognition of the fact that Kinder Morgan has yet to answer basic and needed questions regarding the health and safety of residents, possible impacts to property values, and damage to the environment and natural resources in town; and

WHEREAS, there has been increased speculation in recent weeks that a compressor station could be located in Schodack, and additional concerns regarding impacts to emergency services and local services have also yet to be addressed by Kinder Morgan; and

WHEREAS, this Town Board also recognizes the significant opposition to the proposed pipeline and compressor station project in Schodack and surrounding communities; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Schodack has also filed a request to be granted intervener status in the upcoming review of the proposed Kinder Morgan, Northeast Energy Direct pipeline project;

WHEREAS, the proposed pipeline will cause significant damage to the Schodack Aquifer and thus to the quality and quantity of water for town residents;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Schodack Town Board does hereby restate opposition to the location of a proposed compressor station in Schodack, along with noting the lack of answers from Kinder Morgan regarding the proposed pipeline and compressor station; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Schodack Town Board specifically requests that Governor Cuomo, the Department of Environmental Conservation, the Department of State, and all other agencies that have authority to make decisions relating to the pipeline oppose the pipeline in the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) proceeding and further deny any permits under the Clean Water Act; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Town Clerk is hereby directed to transmit a copy of this resolution to U.S. Senator Charles Schumer, U. S. Senator Kirsten Gillibrand, U.S. Congressmen Chris Gibson, U.S. Congressman Paul Tonko, Governor Andrew Cuomo, State Senator Kathy Marchione, State Assemblyman Steve McLaughlin, Cesar A. Perales, Secretary of State and Basil Seggos, Acting Commissioner for the Department of Environmental Conservation.