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The following comments were sent to FERC today. Thus far, the Town of Nassau with the help of residents, committees and the Town Board, has submitted hundreds of pages of documents on this proposed environmental and economic injustice. Thank you to all that continue to support our community.

David Fleming

#### COMMENTS ON FERC E-FILING:

In addition to comments submitted previously by the Town of Nassau, the Town also endorses the comments prepared and submitted by the Berkshire Regional Planning Commission on October 15, 2015.

The Town would like to point out that several alternatives and issues of concern were addressed in our Natural Resources Committee report to FERC previously submitted and on file with the application. This comprehensive review includes impacts to be considered and mitigated. These impacts should be thoroughly reviewed. Thus far, in FERC comments, these items of concern have not been addressed or have not been directed to the applicants attention.

The alternative highway route (88, I-90, Mass Pike) should be comprehensively reviewed. FERC or the applicant has expressed some concerns regarding deep valleys along this route but FERC nor the applicant has addressed the massive rock outcroppings and hollows with sensitive habitat within Rensselaer County and the Town of Nassau in particular. It is hypocritical to suggest addressing concerns in Massachusetts and ignoring the concerns of New York residents. It is also unacceptable to consider one Massachusetts city as the basis for rejection of such a route while ignoring the concerns and impacts in our community. Urban residents have no more rights in the process than rural residents in New York. Federal environmental and economic justice guidelines should not be ignored in this NED application.

Additionally, the position of the Town of Nassau remains clear. The location of an industrial compressor station in the Clarks Chapel/Burden Lake area of the Town of Nassau is unacceptable in total in that it violates zoning, development guidelines and puts an industrial facility in a residential area. The location of such a facility may be located in an industrial district of which we have provided alternatives. The Town firmly opposes the proposed violations of our zoning and the impacts to large numbers of families by pursuing such short-sighted proposals included in this application. Further, the areas of direct impacts to residences should be mitigated by any pipeline placement which appears to completely ignore the impacts on Town of Nassau residents by placing the pipeline adjacent to the homes.

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There is no indication of public need for this project in Rensselaer County. We will receive no gas service and our residents will be required to accept all the risks. Documents submitted by the applicant point out that this gas product will be transported out of the country. Therefore, there is no Rensselaer County, New York public necessity with this application.

The Town would also like to point out that should any portion of this pipeline eventually be located in our community, the thickness of the pipeline, valve shutoffs and emergency training should be the same in our community as in any urban area. The lives of our residents are worth as much as those in other areas.

In conclusion, the previous comments and studies presented by the Town of Nassau need to be fully reviewed and addressed by the applicant and FERC before any planning continues. Mitigation of impacts on the communities unwillingly involved in this project should be implemented without delay.

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