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N.J. Board of Public Utilities Approves Amendments to prior Order Authorizing the Route of a South Jersey Gas Company Proposed Pipeline

- Natural gas pipeline project will not supply new customers in Pineland's Forest Area -

TRENTON, N.J. – The N.J. Board of Public Utilities (Board) today approved two amendments to its prior June 2013 Order that authorized South Jersey Gas Company (“SJG”) to construct a proposed 21.6 mile natural gas transmission pipeline. The Board approved a petition filed by SJG seeking a condition of approval that SJG cannot connect any new customer to that portion of the pipeline located within the Pineland’s Forest Area. The Board also approved the relocation of a planned interconnection and regulator station site from an area within the Forest Area to a location outside the Forest Area.

The issue before the Board was whether the proposed amendments would have an impact on the structures located within 100 feet of the pipeline or otherwise increase safety concerns associated with the pipeline pursuant to N.J.A.C. 14:7-1.4. In approving the petition, the Board found that the proposed amendments do not impact the number of structures located within 100 feet of the pipeline; do not increase safety concerns; and that the amendments are consistent with prior approvals related to the pipeline.

The planned interconnection and regulator station site was originally to be located in an area on Marshall Avenue in Upper Township. With the Board’s approval, the site will be moved to an area outside of the Pineland’s Forest Area located on Mount Pleasant–Tuckahoe Road in Upper Township.

On June 17, 2015, Board Commissioner Joseph L. Fiordaliso presided at two public hearings in Upper Township on the SJG's petition for an amended order.

On March 8, 2013, SJG filed a petition seeking authorization from the Board, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 14:7-1.4, to construct a proposed 21.6 mile long, 24-inch diameter natural gas transmission pipeline with an alignment running through Maurice River Township, Estell Manor and Upper Township to provide natural gas service to the B.L. England Generating Station. Public hearings on the matter were held in Upper Township on May 1, 2013. Board Staff's review of the proposal included, but was not limited to, project design, construction plans and specifications; the listing of structures within 100 feet of the pipeline and their distances from the proposed pipeline alignment; and a full field inspection of the entire pipeline route.

In an April 29, 2013 Board order approving a stipulation of agreement concerning a gas service agreement entered into by N.J. Rate Counsel, Board Staff, SJG and R.C. Cape May Holdings (owner of the B.L. England Generating Station), the Board stated the service agreement was a positive step in turning the generating station to a more productive use for the benefit of the State's electric customers. Conversion of the station's coal-diesel generators to natural gas will result in less emissions and more efficient generation, both of which benefit ratepayers and the environment. The Board also noted that the repowering of the B.L. England Generating Station is consistent with the State's Energy Master Plan goal of promoting cleaner in-state generation.

On June 21, 2013, after consideration of all pertinent materials submitted in the matter the Board found SJG's request to construct and operate the 24-inch pipeline was reasonable and in compliance with all relevant Federal and State requirements.

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