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MEMORANDUM

TO: Robert Bruschi, Administrator

FROM: Deanna Stockton, P.E., Assistant Municipal Engineer

DATE: July 10, 2014

RE: Transco Leidy Southeast Project – Environmental Assessment

The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) has advised that the Environmental Assessment for the Williams Transcontinental Gas Pipeline Company (Transco) Leidy Southeast Project will be complete by August 8, 2014 and the 30 day comment period will begin.

The Engineering Department respectfully requests that the Mayor and Council approve the attached resolution in support of further assessment of the environmental and public safety impacts related to the construction of a second natural gas pipeline of 42 inch diameter adjacent to its existing 36 inch diameter pipeline through the Princeton Ridge section of the municipality.

Deanna Stockton, P.E.
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**RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE
MUNICIPALITY OF PRINCETON TO REQUEST FURTHER ASSESSMENT OF
THE ENVIRONMENTAL AND PUBLIC SAFETY IMPACTS OF THE
TRANSCO LEIDY SOUTHEAST EXPANSION PROJECT (DOCKET NO. CP13-
551) BY THE FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION**

WHEREAS, the Williams Transcontinental Gas Pipe Line Company, L.L.C. (“Transco”) submitted an application to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (“FERC”) to construct its Leidy Southeast Project, which involves adding a second natural gas pipeline of 42 inch diameter adjacent to its existing 36 inch diameter pipeline; and

WHEREAS, a portion of the Leidy Southeast Project known as the “Skillman Loop” requires installing a portion of the proposed pipeline throughout the Municipality of Princeton on both private properties and public properties, and, specifically, within the Princeton Ridge (“Ridge”); and

WHEREAS, the Ridge is an environmentally sensitive and unique area that is comprised of boulders, shallow bedrock, and wetlands, which make it susceptible to dangerous and hazardous safety conditions while the proposed pipeline is being installed; and

WHEREAS, the Princeton Ridge Coalition has identified several deficiencies in Transco’s analyses submitted to FERC regarding the current construction and installation plan for the Skillman Loop, including serious risks to public safety and welfare; and

WHEREAS, the Princeton Ridge Coalition and pipeline safety expert Richard Kuprewicz have determined that the current construction and installation plan would have a significant environmental impact on the surrounding area, and that the safest method of construction would be to use Horizontal Directional Drilling; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council requested in Resolution 2013-146 on May 13, 2013 that Transco and FERC “be called upon to prepare a full Environmental Impact

Statement, not and Environmental Assessment for the Skillman Loop, and that the Princeton Council believes that a Finding of “No Significant Impact” would be erroneous”; and

WHEREAS, it is anticipated that FERC will be issuing the Environmental Assessment for the Leidy Southeast Project and the Municipality of Princeton has serious concerns that the project’s impacts on Environment and Public Safety are inconsistent with a Finding of No Significant Impact in an Environmental Assessment.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Princeton Council on this 14th day of July, 2014 that it is in the best interest of the Municipality of Princeton for Transco to use the safest and most effective construction methods possible during the construction and installation of the Skillman Loop, therefore the Princeton Council respectfully requests that FERC conduct additional expert review and analysis of Transco’s proposed construction and installation plan, and consider using the proposed horizontal directional drilling to minimize the safety and environmental impacts the construction will have on the surrounding area.

Councilperson	Absent	Present	1 st	2 nd	Yea	Nay	Abstain	Disqualified
Ms. Butler								
Mrs. Crumiller								
Ms. Howard								
Mr. Liverman								
Mr. Miller								
Mr. Simon								
Mayor Lempert								

I, Linda S. McDermott, Clerk of the Municipality of Princeton, do hereby certify that the above is a true and complete copy of a resolution adopted by the Mayor and Council of said Municipality at a meeting held on the 14th day of July, 2014.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand and affix the corporate seal of said Municipality, this _____.

Linda S. McDermott
Municipal Clerk