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Mr. Ralph Izzo Chairman, President, & Chief Executive Officer PSEG, Inc. 80 Park Plaza Newark, NJ 07102

Dear Mr. Izzo:

I am writing on behalf of the entire Governing Body of The Borough of Florham Park. At this time we would like to express our thanks for PSE&rG's position to not allow Pilgrim Pipeline Holdings, LLC utilization of PSE&rG's rights-of-way and related easements.

Earlier this year the Borough passed attached Resolution #15-19, dated January 22, 2015 which outlined the detriment to Florham Park Borough should this pipeline be allowed. Some of the reasons noted were safety concerns, harm to our municipal infrastructure and reservations about the safety of the project and the likely endangerment of the health and safety of our citizens.

PSE&G and Florham Park Borough have a long standing record of working together for the common good of our community and we view the proposed pipeline as inconsistent with our Master Plan and a detriment to our citizens.

We hereby respectfully request that PSE&G continue to stand with us in denying Pilgrim Pipeline the requested rights-of- way. By doing so, you will have done a great service to all municipalities in the State of New Jersey.

Sincerely,

Mayor Mark/Taylor



BOROUGH OF FLORHAM PARK RESOLUTION # 15-19

RESOLUTION OF GOVERNING BODY OF THE BOROUGH OF FLORHAM PARK, COUNTY OF MORRIS, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, OPPOSING THE PILGRIM PIPELINE

WHEREAS, Pilgrim Pipeline Company ("Pilgrim") is proposing to build a bi-directional pipeline though the Borough of Florham Park that would transport crude oil and refined petroleum products between Albany, New York and Linden, New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, the Pilgrim Pipeline raises significant safety concerns for the Borough of Florham Park, as well as potential harm to municipal and county infrastructure, and a likely negative impact upon future development in the community; and

WHEREAS, the inability to mitigate the dangers that this Pipeline poses to our environment as well as our community, the Borough of Florham Park has tremendous reservations and concerns about the ability for this Pipeline to endanger the health, safety and welfare of our citizens, families, property and environment; and

WHEREAS, it is the responsibility of the Mayor and Borough Council to provide a safe environment for its residents, and this pipeline raises serious safety concerns; and

WHEREAS, the proposed project may result in a loss of tax revenue for the Borough of Florham Park based on right-of-way agreements with Pilgrim Pipeline and a decline in the

property value of homes along and adjacent to the new pipeline and surrounding neighborhoods as a direct result of this project; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Florham Park does not have the resources nor technical ability to respond to and mitigate any type of pipeline rupture or emergency; and

WHEREAS, many residents depend on ground water and public community water systems for water supply, and septic systems for waste disposal and this project will impact groundwater quality and quantity and the septic fields of resident along and adjacent to the right-of-way.

WHEREAS, the protection of the Borough's water supplies and other resources is better accomplished by prevention of contamination and environmental degradation, rather than attempting to clean contamination and restoring degraded environments after the fact.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough of Florham Park, in the County of Morris, State of New Jersey, that the Mayor and Council opposes the proposed Pilgrim Pipeline, and calls for a moratorium on any and all planning, surveying or construction of the Pilgrim Pipeline because this Pipeline will traverse and negatively impact numerous significant natural areas and the resources of the Borough of Florham Park and the Highlands Region. The Mayor and Council requests a full environmental review, including a Highlands Act Review, be conducted by the DEP to assess the myriad of environmental consequences of this project.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this Resolution be sent to Congressman Rodney Frelinghuysen, Governor Chris Christie, Senate President Steven M. Sweeney, State Senator Richard J. Codey, Assemblyman John McKeon, Assemblywoman Mila Jasey, all Morris County municipalities and the Morris County Board of Chosen Freeholders.

Mark Taylor, Mayor

Attest:
Sheila Williams, R.M.C., Borough Clerk

Adopted this 22nd day of January 2015

Certified as a true copy of an original

Sheila A. Williams, R.M.C.