

**COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF RAMSEY**

**RESOLUTION NO. 062-2015**

**Resolution by: V. JACHZEL**

**Seconded by: H. WEBER**

**WHEREAS, Pilgrim Pipeline is proposing a project to install two pipelines to convey petroleum material to and from a refinery in Linden, New Jersey; and**

**WHEREAS, one pipeline will carry crude oil from a terminal in Albany, New York to the refinery in Linden, New Jersey and the other will carry refined finished product from the refinery back to Albany, New York; and**

**WHEREAS, the proposed route for the pipeline will cross the New Jersey Highlands region, an area that has been afforded special protection by the New Jersey State Legislature by its passage in 2004, of the New Jersey Highlands Water Protection and Planning Act, which Act created the Highlands Water Protection and Planning Council and the Highlands Regional Master Plan to ensure resource based planning would be used in the Highlands to combat sprawl and the depletion of water quality and quantity as the region provides drinking water to 5.4 million residents; and**

**WHEREAS, the proposed right-of-way exists within the New Jersey Highlands Preservation Area; and**

**WHEREAS, the Ramsey Environmental Commission reviewed the project and prepared a position letter dated November 12, 2014 which has been reviewed by the Mayor and Council; and**

**Whereas, the position letter opposes the Pilgrim Pipeline project and indicates a number of concerns with respect to the proposed pipeline project including loss of habitat, potential for spill, contamination of ground water and contamination of surface water and first responder safety and training; and**

**WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council are aware that the significant issue is that the Borough of Ramsey relies on the Ramapo River Basin and Aquifer system as one source of potable water supply; and**

**WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Ramsey have determined that the Pilgrim Pipeline Project potentially poses significant risks to the Ramapo River Basis and Aquifer system (the "Aquifer System") and therefore has the potential to cause irreparable harm to the water supply for the region, including the citizens of the Borough of Ramsey.**

**COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF RAMSEY**

**RESOLUTION NO. 062-2015**

**Resolution by: V. JACHZEL**

**Seconded by: H. WEBER**

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Ramsey as follows:**

**1. The Mayor and Council formally urge the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (the "NJDEP"), and all other administrative and governing bodies having jurisdiction over any aspect of the Pilgrim Pipeline Project, exercise extreme caution in their deliberations and decisions concerning the Pilgrim Pipeline Project, and conduct all due diligence with respect to the potential for irreparable harm to the Aquifer System, so as to ensure that the Aquifer System is not subjected to risk of pollution or any other harm by virtue of the Pilgrim Pipeline Project. DATE**

**2. A copy of this Resolution is to be forwarded to the NJDEP, which will be the primary permitting agency for this project in order that the concerns of the Borough are noted.**

**3. A copy of this Resolution is to be provided to:**

- a. Ramsey's Legislative Team, Senator Gerald Cardinale, Assemblyman Robert Auth and Assemblywoman Holly Schepisi**
- b. United States Senators Robert Menendez and Cory Booker**
- c. Congressman Scott Garrett**
- d. Bergen County Board of Chosen Freeholders**
- e. All affected municipalities**
- f. New Jersey Highlands Council**
- g. Jim Rilee, Chairman of the Highlands Water Protection and Planning Council**

	YES	NO	A B S T A I N	A B S E N T
DILLON, D. MAYOR				
JACHZEL, V.	<b>X</b>			
JONES, W.	<b>X</b>			
KILMAN, P.	<b>X</b>			
TYBURCZY, J.	<b>X</b>			
VERDONE, J.	<b>X</b>			
WEBER, H.	<b>X</b>			

I CERTIFY THAT THIS IS A TRUE COPY OF A RESOLUTION PASSED AND APPROVED AT THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL HELD ON \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
MEREDITH BENDIAN, MUNICIPAL CLERK

FEBRUARY 11, 2015

PASSED AND APPROVED

*Meredith Bendian*

CLERK

*H. Weber*

MAYOR