

RESOLUTION NO. 16-359

WHEREAS, Pilgrim Pipeline Company (“Pilgrim”) is proposing to build a new bi-directional pipeline (“pipeline”) with one pipeline that would transport crude oil southbound, and a second pipeline carrying refined petroleum products northbound, between Albany, New York and Linden, New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, the pipeline will carry oil extracted from North Dakota’s Bakken shale through the process of hydraulic fracturing or fracking; and

WHEREAS, in 2014 the *Wall Street Journal* compared oil from 86 locations around the world and found Bakken crude oil to be the most explosive; and

WHEREAS, according to Public Employees for Environmental Responsibility, the Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Administration (PHMSA) only has 135 inspectors to oversee 2.6 million miles of pipeline, and only a fifth of that pipeline system has been inspected by PHMSA or its state partners since 2006; and

WHEREAS, the pipeline would traverse Bergen County towns including Mahwah, Franklin Lakes and Oakland; and

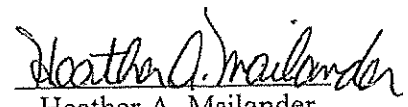
WHEREAS, pipelines spill more oil, due to explosions and leaks, than all the other modes of transport combined because, while incidents on pipelines may be less frequent, they are far more significant due to the volume of oil being transported; and

WHEREAS, the project poses a major hazard due to the nature and volume of the highly flammable oil flowing through the pipeline, and due to its proposed route, which crosses through residential neighborhoods. These communities will be in the “impact radius” should an explosion and or spill occur; and

I hereby certify that this resolution, consisting of 2 page(s), was adopted at a meeting of the Village Council of the Village of Ridgewood, held this 9th day of November, 2016.

	Moved	Second	Ayes	Nays	Absent	Abstain
Hache			X			
Sedon	X		X			
Voigt		X	X			
Walsh						X
Knudsen			X			

  
 Susan Knudsen  
 Mayor

  
 Heather A. Mailander  
 Village Clerk

WHEREAS, such a pipeline explosion could harm hundreds of people, and negatively affect the health, safety and welfare of the citizens who live near the pipeline route and the first responders who would be called from neighboring municipalities to assist; and

WHEREAS, the state has the authority to direct the Village of Ridgewood to supplement the water supply of towns affected by any pipeline disaster, and therefore its resources would be negatively impacted for years to come, in the event that neighboring towns in Bergen County experienced a water supply crisis as a result of a pipeline disaster; and

WHEREAS, the wise stewardship of our natural resources involves protection of all of the Village of Ridgewood's water supplies and other natural resources for generations to come; and

WHEREAS, protection of the Village of Ridgewood's water supplies and resources is better accomplished by prevention of contamination and environmental degradation, rather than attempting to clean up contamination and restore degraded environments after the fact; and

WHEREAS, the pipeline would also traverse the New Jersey Highlands region; and

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Legislature has afforded special protection to the Highlands region via the New Jersey Highlands Water Protection and Planning Act of 2004 because the region supplies drinking water to 5.4 million state residents; and

WHEREAS, the United States Congress has also recognized "the importance of the water, forest, agricultural, wildlife, recreational, and cultural resources of the Highlands region, and the national significance of the Highlands region to the United States" via the Highlands Conservation Act of 2004.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Village Council of Ridgewood in the County of Bergen, the following recitals are incorporated as of November 9, 2016:

- 1- The Council opposes the proposed Pilgrim Pipeline.
- 2- The Council calls for a moratorium on any and all planning, proposal, surveying, or construction of the Pilgrim pipeline.
- 3- Because this project will traverse and negatively impact numerous significant natural areas, and could negatively impact Village resources and the Highlands region, the Council requests a full environmental review, including a Highlands Act review, be conducted by the DEP to assess the myriad environmental consequences of the project.
- 4- The Council seeks the cooperation of other similarly located and affected townships, asking that all nearby affected towns adopt a similar resolution.
- 5- The Council adopts, and calls upon similarly situated municipalities to adopt, a resolution authorizing each town to join together to enter their appearance in any proceeding before the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, New Jersey Board of Public Utilities, and any other regulatory authority, so that by their strength of numbers they may successfully oppose the Pilgrim Pipeline project and have the ability to cause the relocation or termination of the project so as to prevent environmental degradation and to protect the public health and safety.