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Ms. Dusti Callo
District Clerk
New Paltz Central School District
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Dear Ms. Callo:

Governor Cuomo asked me to respond to your letters regarding the application of Pilgrim Transportation of New York for the construction of two petroleum pipelines that would run parallel to each other between Albany, New York and Linden, New Jersey.

Thank you for your letter and for providing a copy of the New Paltz Central School District Board of Education's "Resolution Opposing the Construction of the Pilgrim Pipeline." You should know that there has been no regulatory activity on Pilgrim's application to construct the pipelines since September 14, 2016 when the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) and the New York State Thruway Authority (NYSTA) jointly issued a positive declaration for the project — which required the preparation of a draft environmental impact statement (DEIS). In the positive declaration, NYSTA and DEC required public scoping of the DEIS, which in turn required Pilgrim to submit a draft scoping document (detailed outline of the issues to be studied and study methodologies) to NYSTA and DEC. As of this date, the agencies are not in receipt of a draft scoping document from the applicant. Given the time that has elapsed since the positive declaration was issued, the project appears to be inactive.

Additionally, if and when the regulatory review process is continued, DEC and NYSTA expect to solicit public comments on the draft scoping document before it is finalized. Once Pilgrim submits an acceptable DEIS to NYSTA and DEC, the agencies would then hold one or more public hearings within the period for public comment.

NYSTA and DEC have established a webpage devoted to the Pilgrim project where the public can access key documents and follow the progress of the regulatory review. The address of this webpage is as follows: <http://www.dec.ny.gov/permits/105174.html>

Please contact me with any additional questions or comments you may have.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Basil Seggos', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Basil Seggos
Commissioner