

RESOLUTION 09-15  
TOWNSHIP OF JEFFERSON

**RESOLUTION OF INTENT TO JOIN A COALITION OF CONCERNED MUNICIPALITIES IMPACTED AND AFFECTED BY PSE&G'S PROPOSED SUSQUEHANNA-ROSELAND 500 KV TRANSMISSION LINE PROJECT**

**WHEREAS**, Public Service Electric and Gas (PSE&G) has proposed construction of a new 500kv transmission line, known as the Susquehanna-Roseland Transmission Line Project, through Warren, Sussex, Morris and Essex Counties, impacting the municipalities of Andover Township, Boonton Township, Byram Township, East Hanover Township, Fredon Township, Hardwick Township, Hopatcong Borough, Jefferson Township, Kinnelon Borough, Montville Township, Newton Township, Parsippany-Troy Hills Township, Rockaway Township, Roseland Borough, Sparta Township and Stillwater Township; and

**WHEREAS**, this project has potential for major economic, environmental, health and safety impacts upon all residents of the affected municipalities; and

**WHEREAS**, contrary to its prior promises to these municipalities that it would make application via the usual and established municipal review process, PSE&G has now bypassed that municipal approval process by making application directly to the New Jersey State Board of Public Utilities (BPU), thereby removing home rule and local oversight over these potential impacts; and

**WHEREAS**, protecting the rights, health and well-being of residents with appropriate and responsible scrutiny of this project through the BPU application and hearing process by the affected municipalities will now involve significant expenses, budgetary considerations, and hardship to the taxpayers of these municipalities during difficult economic times.

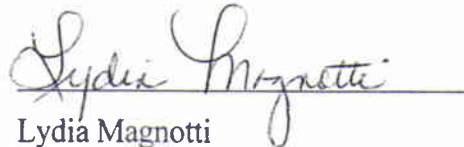
**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Governing Body of the Township of Jefferson realizing the economy of scale and the power of collaborative effort, does hereby state its intention to join in a "Coalition of Concerned Municipalities" and act with these other affected municipalities to safeguard the rights, health and well-being of its residents from the potential impacts of this project; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Township of Jefferson will appoint a representative (or representatives) of the municipality to act as liaison to this Coalition on its behalf, for the purposes of strategic discussions, teleconferences and/or other public meetings; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that a certified copy of this resolution be sent to the Governing Bodies of: Andover Township, Boonton Township, Byram Township, East Hanover Township, Fredon Township, Hardwick Township, Hopatcong Borough, Jefferson Township, Kinnelon Borough, Montville Township, Newton Township, Parsippany-Troy Hills Township, Rockaway Township, Roseland Borough, Sparta Township and Stillwater Township; as well as to PSE&G President Ralph LaRossa, U.S. Senator Frank Lautenberg, U.S. Senator Robert Menendez, U.S. Congressman Rodney Frelinghuysen, U.S. Congressman Scott Garrett, Governor Jon Corzine, State Senators and State Assembly Members from the 23<sup>rd</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> Districts, the Boards of Chosen Freeholders of Morris, Sussex and Warren Counties, the New Jersey State Board of Public Utilities, New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection Commissioner Mark Mauriello, New Jersey Highlands Water Protection and Planning Council Chairman John Weingart and Executive Director Eileen Swan, and the Office of the New Jersey Public Advocate.

**CERTIFICATION**

I hereby certify that the above is a true copy of a Resolution passed by the governing body of the Township of Jefferson at a Regular Meeting of that body held on February 4, 2008.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Lydia Magnotti", is written over a horizontal line.

Lydia Magnotti

Municipal Clerk