

**TOWNSHIP OF FREDON
RESOLUTION 2008-88**

**URGING PSE&G TO WITHDRAW THEIR
NJ BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES
CONSTRUCTION PROPOSAL APPLICATION
OF A NEW 500 KV TRANSMISSION LINE
THROUGH NORTHERN NEW JERSEY**

WHEREAS, Public Service Electric and Gas (PSE&G) is proposing to construct a new 500 kV transmission line on the existing right-of-way transmission line through Northern New Jersey, and

WHEREAS, concerned residents of Fredon Township have asked the Township Committee to oppose the project as presented; and

WHEREAS, the Fredon Township Committee understand that PSE&G is planning for the future to improve the power grid in New Jersey and Pennsylvania; and

WHEREAS, PSE&G should withdraw their application before the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities because a commitment to Fredon Township officials and its citizens was made to make applications to said municipalities; and

WHEREAS, the Fredon Township Governing Body is opposed to the fact that PSE&G has now bypassed the local authority approval process by making application before the New Jersey State Board of Public Utilities, thereby removing home rule; and

WHEREAS, there are several important aspects that may adversely impact the quality of life for many homeowners in Fredon Township as well as other municipalities in Northern New Jersey, and

WHEREAS, PSE&G should re-evaluate the current needs which may be excessive with regards to the height of the towers.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Township Committee of the Township of Fredon do hereby request that PSE&G withdraw the application as submitted to the NJBPU to first re-evaluate the height of the towers as well as the need to seek approvals from the municipalities themselves rather than the New Jersey State Board of Public Utilities, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Fredon Township Committee ask that PSE&G re-examine the magnitude of the project to route a new 500 kV transmission line through northern New Jersey with the hopes that the affected municipalities become the decision making bodies when such quality of life actions are to be made for its residents; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this resolution be sent to PSE&G as well as the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities, Fredon Township Legislative Representatives, New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, the Highlands Council and the Public Advocate.

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the above is a true copy of a Resolution passed by the Fredon Township Committee at a Regular Meeting of that body held on December 22, 2008.

Joanne Charner, RMC
Municipal Clerk