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We are residents of Croton-on-Hudson and are strongly opposed to the planned route for the Millennium Pipeline.

Our concerns focus on the danger to our environment and to our communities, specifically:

- (1) The potential adverse environmental impact caused by blasting to the Haverstraw Bay coastal fish and wildlife habitat.
- (2) The risk to the New York City water supply, should there be a natural disaster, accident or terrorist act near the Bryn Mawr Siphon.
- (3) The proximity of the gasline to the ConEd power lines along 7.6 miles poses a serious threat to the safety of the power lines if there were a catastrophic pipeline event caused by either a natural disaster, construction accident or terrorist act.
- (4) The unproven need for this project, when there are already 10 other natural gas projects proposed for the New York metro area.
- (5) The potential impact of a natural gas leakage into the Croton River aquifer, or wellfield, which provides drinking water to nearly 8,000 residents of Croton.
- (6) The removal of trees and destruction of habitat in the Croton Arboretum and the Teatown Nature Preserve, two pristine environmentally areas which have taken years to protect and preserve for our future generations.

We believe that the **Bowline Solution** is the right solution for the Millennium Pipeline. Terminating the Millennium Pipeline at the Bowline Facility allows New York to protect the Coastal Zone and enables Columbia Gas to fix the decrepit A-5 line that makes up 222 miles or 52.9% of the pipeline's 420 mile route. This allows Millennium to fulfill its purpose as described to the Federal Energy Regulatory of delivering natural gas to "delivery points in New York State". The **Bowline Solution** is a viable alternative that allows Millennium to pursue its goals without destroying our environment and endangering our communities.

Respectfully submitted,



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