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May 14, 2002

Ms. Magalie R. Salas
Secretary
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
888 First Street, NE
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Re: Islander East pipeline Company, L.L.C.
Docket Nos. CP01-384-000,CP01-385-000,
CP01-386-000

Dear Secretary Salas:

I am writing in reference to the Islander East Pipeline Company, LLC above referenced project. Islander East is proposing to construct a new natural gas transmission pipeline from Connecticut, across Long Island Sound, to eastern Long Island. FERC is currently conducting review of this application to consider issuance of a certificate of public convenience and necessity.

SR1-1 Demand for natural gas in Nassau and Suffolk Counties is growing by 8 percent a year, well above the national average, and Islander East will go a long way towards meeting this need. Natural gas supplies are particularly needed on eastern Long Island where demand has exceeded the national average for the past several years primarily as a result of residential growth. Demand for natural gas is expected to continue and additional natural gas infrastructure is necessary to support the growth for new residential service and conversions.

SR1-2 The proposed location of this line is Route 25A. This proposal is unacceptable. In fact, the present plan cuts through the Meadowcrest community. Approving such a plan in its current state would be irresponsible and outrageous. This is a residential area and the plans would have the pipeline within 25 feet from resident foundations and driveways.

SR1-3 Naturally, the concern for safety is paramount. To put families at unnecessary risk, is not acceptable.

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SR1-1 Thank you for your comment.

SR1-2 Additional information on the Meadowcrest development has been added in sections 4.3.7, 4.3.8, 4.4.7, and 4.4.8 of the FEIS.

SR1-3 The pipeline would be designed, constructed, operated, and maintained in accordance with DOT safety standards specified in 49 CFR 192. These standards vary based on population density and are protective of all settings, including residential areas. Pipeline safety standards are discussed in section 3.12.1 of the EIS.

SR1-4 I support the alternative plan that uses Route 25 with the possibility of using the technology of horizontal drilling.

Thank you in advance for your consideration in this matter. I look forward to your response.

Sincerely,

Patricia L. Acampora
MEMBER OF ASSEMBLY

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SR1-4 Thank you for your comment. See section 4.3.8 for a recommendation to use this alternative.

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Re: Islander East Pipeline Company, LLC
Docket Nos. CP01-384-000, CP01-385-000, CP01-386-000

Dear Secretary Salas:

I write in support of the Islander East Pipeline Company, LLC above referenced project. As you are aware, Islander East is proposing to construct a new natural gas transmission pipeline from Connecticut, across Long Island Sound, to eastern Long Island. I respectfully request that the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission issue a certificate of public convenience and necessity for this important project.

The demand of natural gas on Long Island is growing by 8 percent a year, well above the national average, and the Islander East Pipeline will go a long way towards meeting the need for additional natural gas. Natural gas suppliers are particularly needed on Eastern Long Island where demand has exceeded the national average for the past several years as a result of residential growth.

In addition to the benefits an interstate natural gas pipeline provides to natural gas and power consumers on Long Island, Islander East also has the potential to generate substantial economic benefits to Long Island, creating jobs, enhancing the state and local tax base, and increasing ad valorem taxes paid to municipalities.

As a member of the New York State Assembly Environmental Conservation Committee, I was especially pleased to learn that the Islander East Pipeline project will have a minimal impact on Long Island's delicate environment. Ninety percent of the pipeline route follows existing roadway corridors and the use of a horizontal direct drilling technique under Long Island Sound's oysterbeds and other areas of sensitive aquaculture will minimize harm to the marine and fishing communities.

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SR2-1 I strongly believe that the Islander East Pipeline can help to meet Long Island's mutual goals of providing for our future energy needs while protecting our environment. Thank you, in advance, for your consideration of this matter. Please feel free to contact my office if I can provide any additional information on this project.

Sincerely,

Philip M. Boyle
Member of Assembly

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SR2-1 Thank you for your comment.

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RE: Docket Numbers CP 01-384000; CP 01-385000; CP 01-386000

Dear Ms. Salas,

Recently, the Connecticut General Assembly voted unanimously to impose a one-year moratorium on electric transmission and telecommunications cable crossings of Long Island Sound. HB 5609, introduced by the Environment Committee, of which I am a member, has become PA 02-95. The purpose of this legislation is to allow time for an environmental impact assessment of such crossings and to develop a comprehensive plan to allow for replacement and /or expansion of energy infrastructure to meet the needs of the region. Such a plan does not currently exist and given the current and expected proliferation of permit applications for such crossings, it is only logical that there be established a plan within which they should be evaluated.

Because the State of Connecticut does not have jurisdiction over the permitting of gas pipelines, the legislation DIRECTS the CT Siting Council to request of FERC that no such permits be granted in Long Island Sound for the duration of that moratorium.

SR3-1 The purpose of this letter is to respectfully request that you honor the spirit and intent of Connecticut's newly enacted legislation and respect the legislature's desire to balance the energy needs of the future with the need to protect the environmental integrity of Long Island Sound. The goal is not to stop every proposed project, but rather to proceed within an orderly, well thought out process.

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SR3-1 The Commission has not yet determined its position on the Connecticut Moratorium. If the Commission finds it necessary to issue an order on the merits of the proposal during the Moratorium, the Commission would explain the reason for its decision in the order.

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SR3-1 As the State Representative for the area of Branford within which the proposed Islander East pipeline is located, I implore you to honor the request for a one-year moratorium, thus postponing any determination regarding the Islander East application.

Thank you for your consideration of this important request. For your information I have enclosed the language of PA 02-95.

Sincerely,

Patricia Widlitz

Patricia M. Widlitz
State Representative
98th District

cc: Mortmer Gelston, CT Siting Council