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**Township Council**  
1 Municipal Plaza  
Bloomfield, NJ 07003

**Louise M. Palagano**  
*Municipal Clerk*

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Meeting: 06/05/13 07:00 PM

**2013 RESOLUTION OPPOSING RESOLUTION**

**THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE BLOOMFIELD TO OPPOSE THE TRANSCONTINENTAL (TRANSCO) GAS PIPELINE COMPANY'S NORTHEAST SUPPLY LINE**

**WHEREAS**, Transcontinental Gas Pipeline Company (Transco), a subsidiary of the Williams Company, is proposing an expansion project throughout areas of Pennsylvania and New Jersey, including increasing the pressure (uprate) in the existing pipeline that runs through New Jersey and the northern part of Bloomfield; and

**WHEREAS**, it has be represented that the current and proposed project will increase the capacity of the existing line by 13% from 638 psi to 722 psi; and

**WHEREAS**, the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities and New Jersey Administrative Code, Title 14, Chapter 7, Subchapter 1 states, "No person shall install...a natural gas pipeline with a maximum operating pressure in excess of 250 psig within 100 feet of any building intended for human occupancy;" and

**WHEREAS**, the Township Council is concerned that the existing aging pipeline is over fifty years old and passes closer than 100 feet to homes in Bloomfield, some within mere feet of the line; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township Council questions the safety and reliability of the aging Transco pipeline and is concerned about the hazards increased pressure and testing could present to residents who live near the line; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board is concerned about reported gas pipeline explosions in Edison and Bernards Township in New Jersey as well as in other areas of the country including Pennsylvania, Ohio, Minnesota, Maryland and Texas; and

**WHEREAS**, pipelines leak methane, a more potent fossil fuel greenhouse gas than C02,

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND PROCEDURE  
ON BASIS OF FACTS SET FORTH

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which is a threat to human health, harms fragile ecosystems and contributes to climate change at exactly the time we need to invest in renewable energy if we are to preserve a livable planet for ourselves and future generations; and

**WHEREAS**, only 7% of all natural gas lines are subject to rigorous inspection criteria or are inspected regularly; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Commissioners in Nutley and other town governments in New Jersey have expressed opposition to the project based on safety concerns for their residents, its potential harm to municipal and county infrastructure and its potential impact on the value of homes; and

**WHEREAS**, the pipeline project is being proposed based on speculative consumer demand and a glut of natural gas being supplied by drillers in the Marcellus Shale region; and

**WHEREAS**, a 25,000 horsepower natural gas compressor station is planned for Roseland to increase the pressure in the Transco pipeline, a facility that will leak toxins into the air and be at risk for explosions and fires; and

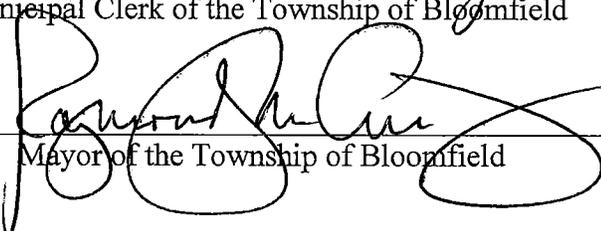
**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Mayor and Town Council oppose the Northeast Supply Link Expansion project proposed by Transco and the uprate of the existing pipeline segments that run through the Township of Bloomfield; and

The Town Council requests a meeting in Bloomfield with Williams/Transco, which Bloomfield residents can attend, to discuss localized impacts on residents, the Township and its resources, and to discuss information from the company on the safety of the project, where this type of pipeline uprate has occurred before, and what accidents and explosions have taken place in the past; and

The Town Council also requests information from Williams/Transco on the compensation to home owners and the Township due to losses in property values, tax revenues and losses of quality of life in the Township resulting from this project. The Township requests this information be provided prior to the meeting for Town Council and community review beforehand.

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I hereby certify that the above resolution was duly adopted by the Mayor and Council of the Township of Bloomfield at a meeting of said Township Council held on June 05, 2013.

  
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 Municipal Clerk of the Township of Bloomfield  
  
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 Mayor of the Township of Bloomfield

✓ Vote Record - Resolution 2737						
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