

City of Lambertville
RESOLUTION 64-2020

*A Resolution to Reassert Opposition to the PennEast Pipeline and to urge the
New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection to Deny Any and All
Permits for the PennEast Pipeline Project*

WHEREAS, AGL Resources, NJR Pipeline Company, South Jersey Industries, UGI Energy Services and Public Service Electric and Gas are proposing to construct the PennEast Pipeline, a new 36-inch-diameter natural gas pipeline that would originate in Luzerne County, Pennsylvania, cross the Delaware River north of Milford, then parallel the Delaware River through western Hunterdon County, including through Hopewell, West Amwell and Delaware Township in New Jersey at points only a few yards away from the Lambertville City border;

WHEREAS, the development of this and other unneeded pipelines is inconsistent with the climate goals of the Paris Agreement;

WHEREAS, New Jersey cannot achieve the State's goals of achieving 100 percent clean energy by 2050 as required by state law, without transitioning away from gas and other fossil fuels;

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Rate Counsel [found](#) no public need for the PennEast pipeline noting that the project was "unfair to ratepayers" and concluded that the project is driven by its investors opportunity to earn a 14 percent rate of return;

WHEREAS, on October 21, 2014, the Governing Body of the City of Lambertville by [Resolution 126-2014](#), was an early leader among New Jersey municipalities and announced its opposition to the PennEast pipeline and announced its support of the September 9, 2014 petition of the Delaware Riverkeeper Network to the Delaware River Basin Commission (DRBC) asking that the DRBC exercise its jurisdiction of the proposed PennEast Pipeline project to prevent a disastrous impact to and degradation of the water quality in the Delaware Basin;

WHEREAS, by [Resolution 51-2018](#) (where the City formally requested that the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission hold a rehearing for the approval of the PennEast pipeline project because the necessary approvals from the New

Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (DEP), DRBC or the United State Army Core of Engineers have not been received) and by [Resolution 52-2018](#) (where the City formally requested that DEP revert the Freshwater Wetlands Rules back to the former high standards they used to follow in order to maintain and preserve waterways in our state) the Governing Body of the City of Lambertville continued to demonstrate its concern about the PennEast Pipeline;

WHEREAS, by Resolution 97-2017, the City of Lambertville resolved to adopt the elements of the Paris Accord, to reduce greenhouse gases, join together with municipalities, counties and States, to reaffirm the City's commitment to studying and preparing for the impacts of climate change;

WHEREAS, the Governing Body of the City of Lambertville created a PennEast Pipeline Committee, comprised of environmental activists, members of the Environmental Commission, and a representative from the Governing body to ensure that all of the City's efforts to fight the PennEast Pipeline are well-coordinated, effective and focused;

WHEREAS, since the Governing Body of the City of Lambertville first acted in 2014 to formally voice its opposition to the PennEast Pipeline over five years have passed and a majority of the members of the Governing Body has changed in composition with two new Councilpersons and a new Mayor; and

WHEREAS, despite the passage of time and the change in membership of the Governing Body of the City of Lambertville, there has been no diminution in the resolve of the Governing Body in its opposition to the PennEast Pipeline.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE Governing Body of the City of Lambertville in the County of Hunterdon, in the State of New Jersey that:

- 1- Lambertville reasserts its opposition to the proposed PennEast Pipeline.
- 2- Lambertville urges the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protect to continue to deny any and all permits for the PennEast Pipeline project.
- 3- This resolution shall be distributed to:
 - a. The Hunterdon County Board of Chose Freeholders

- b. Senators Menendez and Booker
- c. Congressman Tom Malinowski
- d. State Senator Shirley Turner
- e. Assemblyman Anthony Verrelli and Assemblywoman Verlina Reynolds-Jackson
- f. DEP Commissioner Catherine R. McCabe
- g. Delaware River Basin Commissioners

ADOPTED: April 7, 2020



I, Cynthia L. Ege, CMR, RMC, City Clerk of the City of Lambertville, in the County of Hunterdon, in the State of New Jersey, certify this to be a true copy of the resolution adopted at the regularly scheduled voting session of the governing body held on Tuesday, April 7, 2020 through a webinar hosted through Zoom which provided attendees the option of calling in or logging onto the webinar.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Cynthia L. Ege".

Cynthia L. Ege, CMR, RMC, City Clerk