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TOWN CLERK

## TOWN OF OSSINING MUNICIPAL BUILDING

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Resolution Opposing 'Project Maple', The Algonquin Fracked Gas Pipeline Expansion Via Compressor Stations and New or Previously Stopped Fossil Fuel Projects Including the Williams Constitution Pipeline

WHEREAS, New York State is poised to protect New Yorkers' rights to clean air, clean water and livable climate; and

WHEREAS. Enbridge Inc. seeks to expand compressor capacity and pipeline infrastructure along the Algonquin pipeline route and has submitted an Open Season Notice for its proposed natural gas expansion project dubbed 'Project Maple' on September 12, 2023; and

WHEREAS, Enbridge may seek permits from the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission to further build and operate compressor stations along the Algonquin pipeline route in New York including facilities at Stony Point, NY and Southeast, NY and could increase capacity of the line by up to 500,000 Dekatherms/day in Ramapo, NY according to the Open Season Notice; and

WHEREAS, Enbridge may need New York State agency permits from the Department of Environment Conservation and/or the Public Service Commission to build out and operate compressor stations and pipeline infrastructure along the Algonquin pipeline route; and

WHEREAS, the Algonquin Pipeline Expansion, dubbed 'Project Maple', would interfere with and negatively impact the Hudson River ecosystem and economy that relies on the tourism and health of those waters; and

WHEREAS, the proposed expansions of the Algonquin natural gas pipeline will significantly increase the fracked gas volume, escalating environmental and health risks in the Hudson Valley and beyond; and

WHEREAS, emissions from compressor stations release pollutants like nitrogen oxide and the carcinogen benzene, proven to cause serious health threats, thus violating New Yorkers' right to a clean and healthy environment under the Green Amendment; and

WHEREAS, historical data documents that natural gas pipeline infrastructure, including compressor stations, pose significant safety hazards, evidenced by frequent incidents of leaks, explosions, and resultant fatalities and environmental damage; and

WHEREAS, the pipeline's expansion is in direct conflict with New York's Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act (CLCPA) statutory goals, fostering continued reliance on fossil fuels and undermining the state's statutorily required transition to a sustainable and renewable energy future; and

WHEREAS, Seventy elected officials including former County Executive and current Congressmember George Latimer, State Assembly member Dana Levenberg, State Assembly member Chris Burdick, State Assemblymember MaryJane Shimsky and State Senator Nathalia Fernandez have already opposed Enbridge's proposed expansion of the Algonquin pipeline dubbed 'Project Maple' ahead of applications for permits on June 17, 2024; and WHEREAS, the 124-mile long Williams Constitution Pipeline proposal was finally defeated in New York in 2020 after the former Governor and New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) opposed the proposal; and

WHEREAS, recent media coverage indicates federal efforts to strike a deal with Governor Hochul to approve the once defeated Williams Constitution Pipeline that would bring dirty fracked gas from Pennsylvania and through the Southern Tier in New York, thus endangering New Yorkers' air, water and climate; and

WHEREAS, Governor Hochul has the responsibility and authority to protect New York's environment and public health and to ensure the full implementation of the CLCPA, with the power to deny this expansion dubbed 'Project Maple' and any new or previously terminated proposals such as the Williams Constitution Pipeline as it is in direct conflict with the state law and thus the state's environmental and health priorities; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Town of Ossining urges Governor Kathy Hochul to oppose the Algonquin pipeline expansion, dubbed 'Project Maple' and the Williams Constitution pipeline; and

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Governor Kathy Flochul direct her agencies to deny any permits for the expansion of the Algonquin fracked gas pipeline, dubbed 'Project Maple' and to deny any permits for the construction of the Constitution Pipeline, thereby upholding New York's CLCPA and the state's environmental standards and commitment to a sustainable future; and

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Clerk is directed to send a copy of this resolution to the Governor Kathy Hochul, U.S. Senator Kirsten Gillibrand, U.S. Senator Charles Schumer, U.S. Congressman George Latimer, U.S. Congressman Mike Lawler, State Senator Peter Harckham, State Assemblymember Dana Levenberg, State Assemblymember Chris Burdick, State Assemblymember Maryjane Shimsky, State Assemblymember Patrick Carroll, State Assemblymember Chris Eachus, State Assemblymember Steve Otis, State Assemblymember Gary Pretlow, State Assemblymember Amy Paulin, State Assemblymember Nader Sayegh, NYS Senate Majority Leader Andrea Stewart-Cousins, Westchester County Executive Ken Jenkins, Westchester County Legislator David Tubiolo, Westchester County Legislator Erika Pierce, and Westchester County Legislator Emiljana Ulaj

STATE OF NEW YORK ( COUNTY OF WESTCHESTER ( ss TOWN OF OSSINING (

I, Susanne Donnelly, Town Clerk of the Town of Ossining. Westchester County, New York, DO HEREBY CERTIFY, that I have compared the foregoing with the original resolution adopted by the Town Board at a meeting held on the 25<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2025 and that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the original thereof. I DO FURTHER CERTIFY that Supervisor Elizabeth Feldman, Deputy Mayor Gregory G. Meyer, Councilmembers Angelo A. Manicchio, Matthew Weiss and Jennifer Fields-Tawil were present at such meeting.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and the seal of the TOWN OF OSSINING THIS 26<sup>th</sup> day of March. 2025.

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