



# LOWER ALLEN TOWNSHIP

2233 GETTYSBURG ROAD • CAMP HILL, PENNSYLVANIA 17011

August 14, 2019

Secretary  
Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission  
Commonwealth Keystone Building – 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
400 North Street  
Harrisburg, PA 17120

Re: PUC Docket No. L-2019-3010267

Dear Secretary,

Enclosed you will find a copy of a Resolution recently adopted by the Board of Commissioners of Lower Allen Township.

The Resolution is in support of the Public Utility Commission's consideration and final adoption of a regulation that would require natural gas and hazardous liquid pipeline operators to conduct periodic public awareness meetings with municipal officials and the public for the purpose of outlining safety precautions and to address any citizen questions and concerns about pipeline operations.

Please give me a call if you have any questions or comments regarding this Resolution.

Most Respectfully,

Thomas G. Vernau, Jr.  
Township Manager

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Cc: Lower Allen Board of Commissioners

**RESOLUTION 2019-R-31**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE COMMISSIONERS OF LOWER ALLEN TOWNSHIP, CUMBERLAND COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, URGING THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION TO ADOPT A REGULATION THAT WOULD REQUIRE HAZARDOUS LIQUIDS PIPELINE OPERATORS TO HOLD PUBLIC AWARENESS MEETINGS.**

**WHEREAS**, the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission has launched a review of its safety regulations governing the operation of natural gas and other hazardous liquids pipelines; and

**WHEREAS**, the protection of the public's health, safety and welfare is paramount in our responsibilities as public officials at all levels of government; and

**WHEREAS**, without adequate safety precautions and necessary regulatory oversight, the operation of hazardous materials pipelines could pose a danger to the public; and

**WHEREAS**, enhancing the public's trust in the safe operation of natural gas and hazardous materials pipelines is a critical component of the responsibility of those who operate these pipelines and of those who have regulatory oversight of these operations; and

**WHEREAS**, while we appreciate the company's efforts to train first responders in the case of an emergency, and to mail general informational materials to the public residing within close proximity to pipeline operations, we believe the company should be required to hold periodic public outreach meetings to address any individual citizen questions and concerns; and

**WHEREAS**, order and decorum can easily be accomplished by requiring the company to work in cooperation with municipal and county officials to host such sessions; and

**WHEREAS**, the Public Utility Commission has the authority to enhance the minimum federal "public awareness" safety rules, promulgated by the federal Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration, to require pipeline operators to conduct regional and periodic public outreach meetings; and

**WHEREAS**, because of the transient nature of our population, with new citizens moving in and others moving out on a regular basis, we believe the requirement of public outreach meetings should occur on a local or regional basis at least once a year.

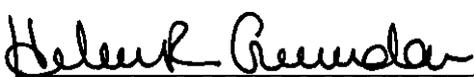
**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Commissioners of Lower Allen Township does hereby respectfully request that the Public Utility Commission order hazardous liquids pipeline operators to conduct public outreach meetings at least once a year on a local or regional basis for the purpose of outlining safety precautions and to address any individual citizen questions and concerns; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission and to Lower Allen Township's state Senate and House delegation.

**Adopted** into a resolution this 12<sup>th</sup> day of August 2019.

**ATTEST:**  
(seal)

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
LOWER ALLEN TOWNSHIP**

  
Township Secretary

  
President



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