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August 26, 2019

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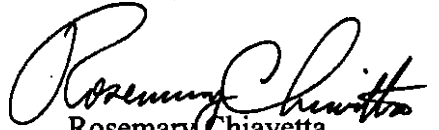
RE: Docket Number L-2019-3010267  
Advance Notice of Proposed Rulemaking for  
Hazardous Liquid Public Utility Safety Standards

Dear Mr. Myers:

Thank you for Resolution No. 2019-02 adopted by the Capital Region Council of Governments (CAPCOG) adopted July 15, 2019 and received by the Commission on August 21, 2019.

Please be advised that I am placing the Resolution on the record at the above docket number. You may follow the progression of this Rulemaking on the Commission's website at [www.puc.pa.gov](http://www.puc.pa.gov) by clicking onto "Search for Documents" on the opening page, and then typing in the docket number and hit "search." You may then review all filings associated with this Rulemaking. The comment period ends on August 28, 2019.

Sincerely,

  
Rosemary Chiavetta  
Secretary of the Commission



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**Resolution No. 2019-02**

**A Resolution Urging Public Awareness Meetings by  
Hazardous Liquids Pipeline Operators**

**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**, the operators of one of these pipelines, Sunoco Pipeline/Energy Transfer Partners, has refused -- on at least three occasions -- invitations to attend community and county-hosted meetings to address citizen questions and concerns regarding their pipeline operations in Cumberland County; 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 Delegates of the Capital Region Council of Governments 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, to municipalities throughout Capital Region Council of Governments, to Cumberland, Dauphin, Lebanon, Perry, and York County state Senate and House delegations, and to the County Commissioners Association of Pennsylvania for distribution to other jurisdictions.

**RESOLVED** this 15<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2019.



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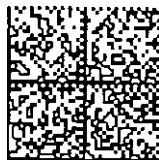
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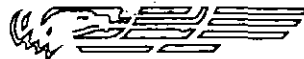
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