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To: Harris, Laura
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Subject: FW: Resolution Opposing NJNG Rate Increase
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Subject: Resolution Opposing NJNG Rate Increase

All,

Please distribute the attached cover letter and resolution to your governing body.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Amanda G. Macchia, RMC

Mine Hill Municipal Clerk

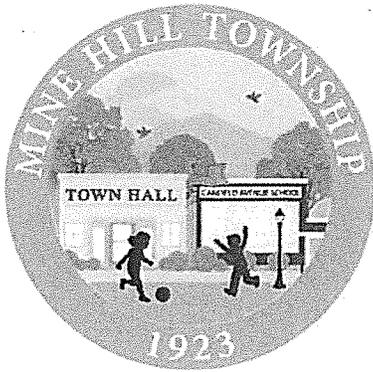
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May 5, 2016

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Re: Opposition to the Rate Increase Petition requested by New Jersey Natural Gas

Dear Ms. Asbury:

Enclosed please find Resolution 088-16 of the Township Council of the Township of Mine Hill opposing the Rate Increase Petition requested by New Jersey Natural Gas. This resolution was adopted April 21, 2016.

Thank you for your time and consideration in this matter.

Very truly yours,


Amanda G. Macchia, RMC
Mine Hill Municipal Clerk

Cc: Senator Anthony R. Bucco, 25th Legislative District (via email)
Assemblyman Anthony M. Bucco, 25th Legislative District (via email)
Assemblyman Michel Patrick Carroll, 25th Legislative District (via email)
Morris County Board of Chosen Freeholders (via email)
Morris County Municipalities (via email)
New Jersey State League of Municipalities (via email)

RESOLUTION 088-16
TOWNSHIP COUNCIL - TOWNSHIP OF MINE HILL
MORRIS COUNTY, NEW JERSEY
April 21, 2016
RESOLUTION OPPOSING THE RATE INCREASE PETITION REQUESTED BY
NEW JERSEY NATURAL GAS

WHEREAS, on November 13, 2015, New Jersey Natural Gas filed a petition with the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities requesting an increase in the Company's base rate charges for natural gas services; and

WHEREAS, New Jersey Natural Gas's requested increase would result in an increase of approximately \$22.00 per month to a ratepayer's bill; and

WHEREAS, the additional rate increase would be adding to the overall financial burden of natural gas consumers and impact negatively on Mine Hill Township's homeowners; and

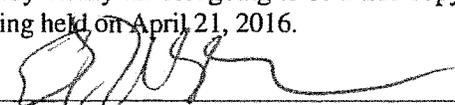
WHEREAS, Mine Hill Township has a large population of senior citizens and others living on a fixed income whom cannot afford an increase of over \$260.00 a year; and

WHEREAS, Mine Hill Township has learned that large, unreasonable, and excessive increases in salaries and benefits have been proposed for New Jersey Natural Gas executives; and

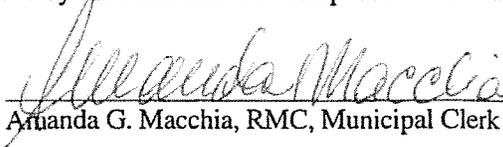
WHEREAS, New Jersey Natural Gas has not shown that an increase in this magnitude is necessary to operate and maintain its gas distribution system in a safe, adequate, and proper manner.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Mine Hill, in the County of Morris and State of New Jersey, that the Township of Mine Hill STRONGLY opposes the application filed by New Jersey Natural Gas for a rate increase and urges the Board of Public Utilities to limit any rate increases to that which is necessary to maintain the gas distribution system in a safe, adequate and proper manner and to carefully review salaries and compensation proposed for executive employees.

I hereby certify the foregoing to be a true copy of a Resolution passed by the Mine Hill Township Council at a duly convened meeting held on April 21, 2016.



Council President



Amanda G. Macchia, RMC, Municipal Clerk