

TOWNSHIP OF CHESTERFIELD

RESOLUTION 2022-2-11

**RESOLUTION RESCINDING RESOLUTION 2018-4-12 WHICH ESTABLISHED A
“COMPRESSOR STATION AND PIPELINE TASKFORCE COMMITTEE” AND
REPOSING DUTIES OF SAID COMMITTEE IN ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION**

WHEREAS, by Resolution 2018-4-12, the Township Committee, following litigation with the Williams Transcontinental Gas Pipeline Company (“TRANSCO”) relating to a compressor station installed by Williams at Block 204, Lots 1 and 4, authorized the formation of an Ad Hoc “Chesterfield Township TRANSCO Compressor Station Taskforce Committee”, comprised of members appointed by the Mayor with input and advice from the Township Committee, which members served at the pleasure of the Township, without compensation, and which members were to meet as was convenient for them; and

WHEREAS, said Taskforce Committee was required by Resolution 2018-4-12 to “keep minutes of [its] meetings, and file said minutes with the Township Clerk for review by the Township Committee, at its meeting following receipt of said minutes”; and

WHEREAS, the Resolution anticipated that the Taskforce Committee would report to the Township Committee about activities on the site, would research and contact experts in various scientific fields to determine whether their expertise to could be beneficial to the Township Committee in protecting the public’s health, safety, and welfare, and interests related to the compressor station, and in assisting members of the public submitting landowner complaints to TRANSCO where necessary; and

WHEREAS, the compressor station has now been “up and running” for at least three (3) years, and the Township has a much better understanding of the nature and extent of the impacts of same upon the community; and

WHEREAS, as a result of the understanding that the Township now has regarding the operations of the compressor station, the Township Committee is fully confident that its Environmental Commission can assume responsibility for monitoring issues associated with the compressor station, and the pipeline emanating from same, particularly since the Environmental Commission is subject to the provisions of the Open Public Meetings Act, must give notice to the public of its meetings, and must keep minutes of same and report those minutes to the Township Committee following the adoption of said minutes, and the Township Committee believes that the Environmental Commission is fully capable of undertaking the duties and responsibilities previously reposed in the Chesterfield Township Compressor Station’s Taskforce Committee, as articulated in Resolution 2018-4-12; and

WHEREAS, the Environmental Commission is permitted, by statute, and has the power to study and make recommendations concerning open space preservation, water resources managements, air pollution control, noise control, soil and landscape protection, environmental appearance, and other environmental issues.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Chesterfield, County of Burlington, State of New Jersey as follows:

Section 1. Resolution Rescinded. Resolution 2018-4-12 is hereby rescinded, and the previously established “Chesterfield Township TRANSCO Compressor Station Taskforce Committee” is hereby dissolved.

Section 2. Notwithstanding the rescission of Resolution 2018-4-12, the tasks identified in that Resolution, and given to the Taskforce Committee, are hereby reposed in the Chesterfield Township Environmental Commission, which shall, in accordance with the provisions of N.J.S.A. 40:56A-1 et seq., continue to serve as a body subject to the New Jersey

Open Public Meetings Act, shall continue to provide minutes of its meetings, and shall, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 56A-4, keep records of its meetings and activities and make an annual report to the governing body of the municipality, as well as such other interim reports as it deems appropriate.

CHESTERFIELD TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE

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I, Caryn M. Hoyer, Clerk of the Township of Chesterfield in the County of Burlington and State of New Jersey do hereby certify the foregoing Resolution to be a true and accurate copy of the Resolution approved by the Township Committee at a duly advertised meeting held on \_\_\_\_\_, 2022 at which a quorum was present.

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Caryn M. Hoyer, RMC  
Township Clerk