

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

SENECA COUNTY

Waterloo, New York 13165

SENECA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OPPOSES LPG STORAGE ADJACENT TO SENECA LAKE

RESOLUTION NO. 34-13 moved by Mr. Churchill, second by Mrs. Garlick Lorenzetti and adopted by 698 ayes and 52 nays (Prouty).

WHEREAS, Seneca County exercises jurisdiction over more than fifty percent of the total area occupied by Seneca Lake; and

WHEREAS, The Board of Supervisors recognizes the importance of the Finger Lakes water shed to the State and to the local community; and

WHEREAS, it has come to the attention of the Board that a plan has been proposed for storage of LP gas in large quantities, adjacent to and beneath Seneca Lake; and

WHEREAS, the Board is keenly aware of the role played by Seneca Lake in providing drinking water for a large segment of the population of Seneca as well as other Counties, Seneca Lake's designation as a scenic by-way, its role as a recreational asset and in promotion of area tourism as well as its importance to the fish and wild-life of the Finger Lakes area; and

WHEREAS, it is the understanding of the Board that a specific site, Well 58, proposed for such storage had previously been plugged and abandoned by the prior owner, New York State Electric and Gas Corp. and deemed no longer appropriate for storage of the type proposed by the current owner; and

WHEREAS, the Board is deeply concerned with reports of the failure of structures of the same type being suggested for such storage at Seneca Lake due to earth tremors of the same severity sometimes experienced in up-state New York as well as reports of leakage in similar structures that are neither designed nor built specifically for the purpose proposed; and

WHEREAS, catastrophic consequences to the Lake and the Finger Lakes Water Shed would be unavoidable in the event of a similar event taking place at the proposed storage site; and

WHEREAS, the Board is aware that the Department of Environmental Conservation has expressed similar concerns over such site failures both here and at other similar facilities around the country; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors joins Senator Michael Nozzolio in respectfully requesting that the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation withhold approval of any plan for mass storage of LP Gas adjacent to or under Seneca Lake and exercise its power in assisting in determining a more appropriate location for any such storage site; and it is further

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RESOLVED, that the Clerk of the Board forward a copy of this resolution to the United States Environmental protection Agency, Senator Michael Nozzolio, Assembly Minority leader Brian Kolb, Assemblyman Philip Palmesano, the Mayor of Watkins Glen, New York, the Schuyler County Legislature, the Yates County Legislature, the Ontario County Board of Supervisors, and the Reading Town Board.

*I do hereby certify that I have compared the preceding with the original thereof, on file in the Office of the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors at Waterloo, New York, and that the same is a correct transcript therefrom and of the whole of said original; and that said original was duly **adopted at a meeting of the Board of Supervisors of Seneca County held at Waterloo, New York on the 12 day of March 2013.***

STATE OF NEW YORK
County of Seneca}

Margaret E. Li, Clerk, Board of Supervisors
Seneca County, Waterloo, New York 13165

Given under my hand and official seal _____