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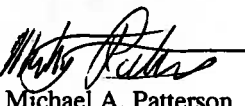

The Membership of the Seneca Lake Municipal Coalition:

The Rochester City Council has become aware of Crestwood Midstream’s proposal for a large scale liquefied petroleum gas (LPG) and compressed natural gas storage facility adjacent to and beneath Seneca Lake. We are concerned with the proposal involving compression and storage of LPG in solution mining caverns, located within the salt deposits below and adjacent to Seneca Lake. We express further concern regarding the transfer and storage of brine as LPG that will be pumped into and out of the salt caverns.

The City of Rochester relies on Hemlock and Canadice Lakes for its drinking water supply. We understand the objections expressed by those communities that similarly rely on the fresh water available from Seneca Lake and share the concerns regarding potential future impacts to that drinking water source.

Approximately 8,500 square miles of New York State are underlain by rock salt beds of potential commercial thickness. LPG and natural gas storage within these salt beds occurs in over two dozen areas in central and western New York. Any proposal to expand or site new LPG or natural gas storage in close proximity to drinking water sources like the Finger Lakes must be very closely scrutinized, particularly with respect to the geologic stability of the salt caverns and the potential for releases of brine and stored LPG. The protection of drinking water sources and the natural resources provided by the Finger Lakes must be given highest priority during the environmental review and permitting process. Proposals with an unacceptable level of risk should not be permitted.

Sincerely,

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