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At a Town Board Meeting of the Town of
Brighton, Monroe County, New York, held
at the Brighton Town Hall, 2300 Elmwood
Avenue, in said Town of Brighton on the
14th day of January, 2015.

PRESENT:

WILLIAM W. MOEHLE,
Supervisor

JAMES R. VOGEL
LOUISE NOVROS
CHRISTOPHER K. WERNER
JASON S. DIPONZIO

Councilpersons



WHEREAS, the Town of Brighton recognizes the importance of Seneca Lake to the State and Finger Lakes region as a drinking water source, for recreation, as a natural habitat, and in supporting the agricultural and tourism economy of the Region; and

WHEREAS, Inergy Corporation, Crestwood Midstream Partners LP, Arlington Gas Storage, LLC, Finger Lakes LPG Storage, LLC (and all other associated affiliates) have proposed a large scale liquefied petroleum gas (LPG) and compressed natural gas storage facility adjacent to and beneath Seneca Lake (at the US Salt, LLC facility) known as the Seneca Lake Gas Storage Project (SLGSP); and

WHEREAS, said project would involve compression and storage of LPG in caverns created by the solution mining of salt deposits below and adjacent to Seneca Lake, and movement and surface storage of salt water displaced from said caverns as LPG is pumped into and out of said caverns; and

WHEREAS, this Town Council is deeply concerned with the potential for dramatic and catastrophic environmental impacts from this project due to:

1. The uncertain geologic stability of SLGSP's subterranean caverns, and the risk that said caverns would be compromised by even low-level earthquakes that are common in this region of New York State, and that could become more frequent should hydrofracking and ancillary industrial activities such as injection wells be permitted in the region at a future time.
2. The threat of discharge of large amounts of salt water from SLGSP's surface storage facilities into Seneca Lake or its tributaries.
3. The threat of discharge of large amounts of salt water as they are moved between subterranean caverns and surface storage facilities during the course of operations.

4. The threat of LPG seepage from said subterranean caverns; and

WHEREAS, real risk of another catastrophic ceiling collapse in the US Salt facility (being used as a propane storage facility) could lead to significant contamination of Seneca Lake by raising the salinity of the lake water above a level at which it could be cost effectively treated by current treatment facilities requiring replacement water supplies.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Town Board of the Town of Brighton opposes the SLGSP and respectively requests that the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation withhold approval of any plan for mass storage and compression for natural gas near, adjacent to or under Seneca Lake; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that certified copies of this resolution be sent to THE Honorable Andrew M. Cuomo, Governor of New York State, NYS Capitol Building, Albany, NY 12224; Senator Joseph Robach, Assembly Majority Leader Joseph Morelle, the Commissioner of the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation, Joseph Martens, 625 Broadway, Albany, NY 12233-1011; the Permit Administrator for Region 8 of the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation, 6274 East Avon-Lima Road, Avon, NY 14414 and the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE, Washington, DC 20426.

Dated: January 14, 2015

William W. Moehle, Supervisor	Voting	<u>Y</u>
James R. Vogel, Councilperson	Voting	<u>Y</u>
Louise Novros, Councilperson	Voting	<u>Y</u>
Christopher K. Werner, Councilperson	Voting	<u>Y</u>
Jason S. DiPonzio, Councilperson	Voting	<u>Y</u>