



January 29, 2016

Governor Andrew M. Cuomo
State Capital
Albany, NY 12224

Dear Governor Cuomo,

We have received a copy of a letter from Arlington Gas Storage, LLC to FERC Secretary Kimberly Bose requesting a two-year extension of the Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity authorizing construction of the Gallery 2 natural gas expansion project (FERC Docket # CP13-83-000) on the shores of Seneca Lake.

For almost 2 years, Crestwood subsidiary, Arlington, has had federal permission to begin this project. In the letter to FERC asking for the extension, the company states that it has been waiting for the NYS DEC to issue the underground storage permit before beginning construction. Seven county legislatures; 31 municipalities (including the cities of Syracuse, Rochester and Geneva) representing over 1.2 million NY residents; and innumerable Towns and Villages across the Finger Lakes—as well as nearly 500 small and medium sized local businesses—applaud your administration for withholding the underground storage permit for this project.

Arlington does not deserve an extension. It has not taken readily available steps to put the expansion project into service and instead has dragged its feet, waiting for market conditions to become more favorable. Arlington apparently thinks that it can game the system for its own purposes. The market analysis it did over 2 years ago is no longer valid, and it is clear that there is no longer “public convenience and necessity” for this gas storage expansion.

We urge you to write FERC Secretary Kimberly Bose to deny this extension, and we urge you and the DEC to continue to withhold the underground storage permit. Allowing Arlington to move forward with new gas infrastructure flies in the face of your vision, that we enthusiastically share, for The Empire State to reduce carbon emissions from fossil fuels by 80% by 2050.

With warmest regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, which appears to read "Joseph M. Campbell". The signature is fluid and cursive, written over a light blue horizontal line.

Joseph M Campbell-President
Gas Free Seneca
Seneca Lake Guardian, A Waterkeeper Affiliate

cc: DEC Acting Commissioner Basil Seggos, US Senator Kirsten Gillibrand, Assistant Secretary for the Environment Brenda Torres, Commissioner of Agriculture and Markets Maria Knirk