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Supervisor Linda Puglisi - Town of Cortlandt

I was present at your first scoping public hearing over a year ago and I'm once again present at this public hearing tonight testifying as the Town of Cortlandt Supervisor representing our community, residents and families who are strongly opposed to this large expansion of the gas line by Spectra Energy's A.I.M project. Their proposed project would be increasing a 26 inch pipeline to 42 inches starting in PA going to New England from a pressure of 674 PSI (pounds per square inch) to 850 PSI a 25% increase. Both issues are tremendous threats to our community for the following reasons:

1. This project has been planned to go only 500 feet from the Buchanan/Verplanck Elementary School. We do not want our children and grandchildren to be placed in harms way.
2. Thousands of families and their homes would be in jeopardy due to this large expansion.
3. The gas from PA is fracked gas, which poses a serious problem, in our opinion, due to the impact to the environment.
4. Spectra claims they need to meet the demand for New England gas needs, then go to Mass. Or R. Island **NOT through Cortlandt.**
5. We do not need to become the Energy Capital of the North East nor America. We already have two of the nationwide 103 nuclear plants in our community. ENOUGH! Oh by the way, this large Spectra expansion would go in close proximity to these two nuclear power plants and would cross where there are not one but TWO fault lines.
6. We have all spent many hours, held many meetings to discuss and research the threat to Cortlandt, our hamlet of Verplanck, our Village of Buchanan, to one of your school districts and to thousands of our property owners, residential and commercial that this project poses. We did not just say "NOT in our backyards", we evaluated this proposal and have collectively determined that this huge expansion and the route would be harmful to our families, our children, to the oldest historic church in the region and to our environment.

We ask you and BEG you to hear us and to reject this outrageous, impactful proposed Spectra Energy Algonquin Incremental Markets Pipeline.

Thank you.

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(Attachment – Town Board Resolution)