

**BOROUGH OF LEMOYNE
CUMBERLAND COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA
RESOLUTION NO. 2019-08**

**A Resolution of the Borough of Lemoyne, Cumberland County, Urging
Public Awareness Meetings by Hazardous Pipeline Operators**

WHEREAS, the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission (PUC) has launched a review of its safety regulations governing the operation of natural gas and other hazardous liquids pipelines; and

WHEREAS, the protection of the public’s health, safety and welfare is paramount in our responsibilities as officials at all levels of government; and

WHEREAS, without adequate safety precautions and necessary regulatory oversight, the operation of hazardous pipelines could pose a danger to the public; and

WHEREAS, enhancing the public’s trust in the safe operation of natural gas and hazardous materials pipelines is a critical component of the responsibility of those operating these pipelines and of those who have regulatory oversight of these operations; and

WHEREAS, while we appreciate these companies’ efforts to train first responders in the case of an emergency, and to mail general informational materials to the public residing within close proximity to pipeline operations, we believe these companies should be required to hold periodic public outreach meetings to address individual citizen questions and concerns; and

WHEREAS, order and decorum can easily be accomplished by requiring these companies to work in cooperation with municipal and county officials to host such sessions; and

WHEREAS, the PUC has the authority to enhance the minimum federal “public awareness” safety rules, promulgated by the federal Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration, to require pipeline operators to conduct regional and periodic public outreach meetings; and

WHEREAS, because of the transient nature of our population, with new citizens moving in and others moving out on a regular basis, we believe the requirement of public outreach meetings should occur on a local or regional basis at least once a year.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Borough Council of the Borough of Lemoyne does hereby respectfully request that the PUC order hazardous liquids pipeline operators to conduct public outreach meetings, at least once a year on a local or regional basis, for the purpose of outlining safety precautions and to address any individual citizen questions and concerns; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be transmitted to the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission and to the Cumberland County Commissioners’ Office.

Duly adopted this 15th day of August 2019 by the Borough Council of Lemoyne, in lawful session duly assembled.

BOROUGH OF LEMOYNE

ATTEST:


Borough Secretary

By:


Borough Council President

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