Hello,

We appreciate everything the freeholders and the engineer and the county counsel have done to oppose the SRL project to date.  We encourage this to continue.  According to Chesterfield officials, NJNG has been spreading rumors that Burlington County is about to withdraw its opposition.  We need to make sure this isn't the case.  The SRL would need your permission to go on the county roads, and not even the BPU can exempt it from that.  So your position on the project continues to be key.  We appreciate all of your actions to date, and we need them to continue-- even stronger.  We could use a resolution in opposition to the compressor station sent to FERC.  FERC needs to know that you oppose the use of open space -- which the county spent public funds to preserve-- for the project.  Both FERC and BPU need to know your concerns about the environmental, health and safety of your residents, who will not see any of the benefits.

There is tremendous evidence the project is not needed-- that it will serve a million homes when NJNG only claims to want it to serve 200,000 at most.  That the project is really about corporate profit, not public benefit-- to move its own contracted gas from its investment in PennEast in Mercer County into its distribution system in Ocean County, which it has no existing way of doing.

You may have concerns because you were previously told of SRL's resiliency benefits for the Joint Base.  NOW We know that these benefits have been exaggerated, and in fact, made up. Emails are now available between Base officials and NJNG. They have been reported on by WHYY.  Additionally, NJNG doesn't even provide gas service to most of the Joint Base.  PSEG provides gas service to Fort Dix and to McGuire.  PSEG has never said they have any problem delivering gas to the Joint Base without interruption, as they have an agreement to do.  PSEG have never said they need this pipeline, and in fact, there's no way PSEG will even be able to access NJNG's pipe.  In fact, SRL will run directly from Chesterfield to the civilian side of Route 70 in Lakehurst.  No military connection.  Only vague discussions about what might happen down the line.

Actions we request you take:

Please file to FERC as an intervener (Deadline Dec 4), instructions attached

Please contact BPU and notify them that Burlington County is against the proposed compressor station and pipeline (Deadline Dec 1)

Please adopt a resolution against the compressor station and pipeline, samples attached.

Please let the Pinelands Commission know on the record that Burlington County is opposed to the project.

Best Regards,