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Commissioner Philip D. Moeller
Commissioner John R. Norris
Commissioner Tony Clark
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
888 First Street, NE
Washington D.C. 20426
RE: Docket CP11-515

Dear Commissioners Clark, Moeller, and Norris:

Today our nation remembers and honors the heroism and sacrifice by our brave first responders who selflessly answered their call to duty on that tragic day 11 years ago. Though we all recognize it as an experience unprecedented in our history, few can grasp it's true magnitude and depth as the first responders who struggle every day of their lives to cope with the impact it has had on their individual health.

I am very pleased that after eleven years our elected leaders have finally begun to understand that magnitude by passing the Zadroga Act, providing victims compensation, and now by adding nearly 50 cancers to the lists of covered illnesses. Last year the law did not cover these cancers because many lawmakers believed there wasn't clear scientific evidence. Meanwhile first responders kept developing cancer in unusually high numbers, and many kept dying.

I want to remind you of this because the first responders who have written to you that they are suffering and struggling with their health are describing an all too common experience for those who were exposed to WTC toxins.

Any proposal to expose any one of these first responders to yet more toxins, is not only one that will compound their health risks, it will be adding injury to injury. This seems even more egregious given the availability of a viable even preferable alternative plan.

I urge you to deny the certificate for the Minisink Compressor station on rehearing. The Zadroga Act acknowledges the unique health impacts upon 9/11 first responders. I urge you to consider the same. Please do not un-necessarily cause more suffering to those residents of Minisink. While we cannot recover the lives already lost we can do everything possible to protect the survivors.

Thank you for your time and consideration in this matter.

Respectfully,

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