

**Stop the Minisink Compressor Station/  
Minisink Residents for Environmental Preservation and Safety**

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**Minisink, New York Residents Attend FERC Meeting En Masse**

**Washington D.C. - October 19, 2012** - Yesterday, over 80 residents from Minisink, New York attended the monthly Federal Energy Regulatory Commission meeting allowing the FERC staff to see families that are impacted by their decisions. The meeting was followed by a rally outside the FERC office building, and march to Senator Gillibrand and Schumer's offices demanding support for an expedited response on the Minisink compressor station project's rehearing requests.

FERC issued tolling orders on September 13th, allowing the staff extra time to review issues raised in rehearing requests, and have yet to respond. Minisink residents are seeking an expedited final response to either reverse or modify the order. Residents are very aware that a reversal is highly unlikely. Once a response is made, the Minisink community can challenge their case in the U.S. Court of Appeals. The tolling order allows FERC as much time as they deem appropriate to respond to the rehearing requests; in some previous cases this period has lasted several years. FERC's Office of Energy Projects has granted Millennium Pipeline permission to begin construction while rehearing concerns are being reviewed. The Minisink community feels FERC is delaying a response in order to prohibit the community from challenging the docket (CP11-515) ruling in court. Pramilla Malick, who lives less than a quarter-mile from the construction site is outraged, "If FERC was serious about our rehearing, why would they deny a stay of construction? It's contradictory and makes no sense!"

Carolyn Elefant, the D.C.-based attorney who is representing Minisink, believes the community has an excellent case and a likelihood of having the decision overturned in court.

For images and Minisink's backstory visit [www.stopmcs.org](http://www.stopmcs.org). A visual comparison of the alternative site vs. the Minisink location, as well as FERC Commissioners' comments can be found on the website.

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