

United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

October 22, 2012

The Honorable Jon Wellinghoff
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
888 First Street, NE
Washington, DC 20426

Dear Chairman Wellinghoff:

We write to express our desire for the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) to issue a determination on the rehearing request for docket number CP11-515 filed by the Minisink Residents for Environmental Preservation. The residents of this small New York community deserve a final decision to this request for rehearing and it is the responsibility of FERC to provide a timely response.

As you may be aware, residents of the Minisink Community of New York have raised contentions regarding the July 16, 2012, decision granting the Millennium Pipeline Company's application for a certificate under Section 7 of the Natural Gas Act for the construction of a compressor station in Minisink. We understand that in this decision the residents of the Minisink community have appropriately exercised their rights as codified in Rule 713 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedures, 18 C.F.R. §385.713 in filing a timely rehearing request.

We understand that the families of this community have worked diligently to engage with the commission on this issue and our offices appreciate the work of the commission staff to be responsive to their questions and concerns. We are confident that you share our desire for timely and appropriate disposition of matters pending before your commission and would urge the commission to issue a final determination on this matter.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter. If you are in need of any additional information please free to contact our Washington, DC offices.

Sincerely,



Charles E. Schumer
United States Senator



Kirsten E. Gillibrand
United States Senator