

September 1, 2016

Christopher M. Hogan
NYS DEC - Division of Environmental Permits
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**RE: Dominion New Market Project Air State Facility Permit, Brookman Corners
Application ID: 4-2730-00038/0000**

Dear Mr. Hogan,

Dominion Transmission's "New Market Project" will increase compression and capacity on its 200-mile-long, 50-year-old pipeline, bringing 112 MILLION cubic feet of more fracked gas from Pennsylvania through the heart of our state every day. The project would result in construction of two new 11,000 horsepower compressor stations and the massive expansion of a third 18,500 horsepower compressor station. The three compressor stations would pump 200,000 tons of additional greenhouse gas emissions and hazardous pollutants into the air each year. Burning the additional gas will generate 2 MILLION tons of greenhouse gas emissions, and if we add to this methane leakage from production and delivery that number at least doubles.

DEC's own review of FERC's Environmental Assessment for another project concluded that approval of such infrastructure will likely mean NYS will fail to meet greenhouse gas reduction goals identified in the NYS Energy Plan. DEC's mandate now includes consideration of climate change in project review. We will know that the DEC takes this responsibility seriously when it rejects Dominion's New Market Project.

Dominion also made serious flaws in its NOISE analysis at the Minden compressor station where additional horsepower is proposed, exaggerating ambient sound measurements to appear to comply with federal and state requirements. The extensive nature of these errors suggests falsification of Dominion's data.

The NYS DEC and DOH have determined that fracked gas is not safe for the environment or people. But the project will encourage fracking operations elsewhere while bringing the pollutants resulting from it here into our state. Dominion failed to include local topographical or wind data in analyzing pollutant and particulate dispersal at Brookman Corners. In fact, because the station sits in a north-south valley with frequent temperature inversions and no south wind to push pollution out of the valley, particulates and volatile organic compounds will sit in the valley, damaging crops and poisoning the Amish farmers and their children whose schools are located nearby.

New York can't be a climate leader if it uses more gas. Reject Dominion's New Market Project.

Sincerely,