

Southern Reliability Link Pipeline

Unneeded Threat to Our Water & Communities

The Southern Reliability Link (SRL) pipeline proposed by New Jersey Natural Gas (NJNG) is unnecessary to serve the public need. It is not needed for “resiliency” as NJNG claims, and ratepayers would bear the cost.

Key SRL Facts:

1. The public would pay for SRL.

- Skipping Stone, a national firm with expertise in energy market services, found that SRL would increase consumers’ costs and boost NJNG’s profits — even though it is not needed for reliable gas supply.
 - Ratepayers would pay the \$170 million to build an unnecessary pipeline — plus additional annual costs from Williams’ Garden State Expansion (GSE), a proposed compressor station in Chesterfield, NJ that would extend the Transco pipeline.

2. There is NO public need for SRL.

- According to Skipping Stone, NJNG already has a resilient system with built-in redundancy.
 - NJNG obtains gas from multiple suppliers at multiple points, with several north/south and east/west pipelines covering its service area.
- In filings with the Board of Public Utilities and the Pinelands Commission, NJNG conceded that its existing system is sufficient to serve all its current and anticipated future customers.
 - NJNG said its existing system has far greater capacity than its ratepayers use or need, and that the existing system is already highly redundant and resilient.
- NJNG’s system is already “conducive to quick repair/ replacement,” and is at minimal risk from possible storm surge damage.
 - For example, NJNG’s existing pipelines that are more than four miles off the coast were not damaged during Hurricane Sandy.



3. Profit is the only justification for SRL.

- Skipping Stone estimates that SRL would bring NJNG a \$9.2 million increase in net income and a 12.28% increase in net profits.

4. SRL is inappropriately segmented; SRL and GSE are inextricably linked.

- SRL does not meet the definition of an “independent utility” under Section 404 of the Clean Water Act — a federal law. Therefore, SRL must be reviewed with GSE as a “single and complete” project.
 - GSE and SRL must be combined under the same wetland permit application to accurately assess the impact of the installation.
 - This should be easily accomplished since GSE and SRL’s applications were coincidentally conducted by the same firm: AECOM.

**SRL is an *unnecessary risk* to our communities
and our environment; it’s not needed!**

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