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Resolution #14-00154, Certified by the Clerk, passed on October 15, 2014 by the Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners opposing the ET Rover Pipeline and the proposed route through Washtenaw County MI

A RESOLUTION OPPOSING THE ENERGY TRANSFER ROVER PIPELINE COMPANY aka ET ROVER PIPELINE COMPANY LLC IN THE CREATION OF A NEW PIPELINE AND REROUTING OF THE PIPELINE THAT INCORPORATES EXISTING CORRIDORS ALONG ROADWAYS AND OTHER EXISTING PIPELINES IN MICHIGAN

WASHTENAW COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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WHEREAS, less than two years ago Energy Transfer (the parent company to ET Rover and Trunkline) claimed that due to excess pipeline capacity in the Midwest there was no need for the existing Trunkline natural gas pipeline in Michigan (FERC Docket No. CP12-491-000) and entered into a joint venture with Enbridge Inc. to convert the existing pipeline to crude oil delivery; and

WHEREAS, Energy Transfer, through their subsidiary ER Rover Pipeline LLC, has recently filed a request with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) utilizing the pre-filing process to build an approximately 800 mile 36" to 42" diameter high pressure pipeline to transport natural gas from the Marcellus and Utica shale fields, located in West Virginia, Pennsylvania and Western Ohio, to Defiance Ohio which will then go on to the Gulf Coast and Mexico and also through Michigan to Canada; and

WHEREAS, the supply of natural gas from the Marcellus and Utica shale fields exceed demand in the region and the country, while demand is increasing in Mexico, the Gulf Coast and Canada. The ET Rover pipeline seeks to supply natural gas for export to these areas as communicated by Shelley A Corman, Executive Vice President, Interstate Pipelines Energy Transfer on July 21, 2014 in Pittsburgh Pennsylvania; and

WHEREAS, the proposed route of the ET Rover pipeline does not supply natural gas to Michigan beyond a MichCon delivery point in Livingston County, with over 60% of the natural gas entering Michigan passing on to Canada for international sale and of no benefit to Michigan or US citizens on whose property the line would be built; and

WHEREAS, in many parts of Michigan, Washtenaw County included, recovery in home and property values are just starting from the previous market crash. With 4 existing pipelines of various commodities already running through the County, additional pipelines would only contribute to property values once again declining in the areas impacted; and

WHEREAS, the currently proposed path of the new pipeline through Washtenaw County passes through heavily wooded areas which is home to an abundant amount of wildlife as well as wetland habitats, numerous creeks

and streams destroying the natural beauty and negatively impacting the ecosystems of these areas; and

WHEREAS, the proposed ET Rover pipeline is all new and is requiring 100' to 150' of temporary workspace with a permanent 50' easement through landowners properties and does not utilize existing corridors along main roads and rail ways nor existing natural gas pipeline corridors such as the Panhandle Eastern Pipeline that Energy Transfer already owns and is located in some instances within a mile and a half of the newly proposed path; and

WHEREAS, Energy Transfer also owns through partnership with Sunoco Logistics Partners, L.P. who has an existing pipeline and corridor that travels from Toledo to Sarnia, another existing corridor that should be considered prior to developing a new one; and

WHEREAS if Energy Transfer through their subsidiary ET Rover desired to supply natural gas to Michigan and not treat it as means to deliver such natural gas internationally, then FERC should hold ET Rover accountable to FERC's siting requirements section 380.15 (d) (1) "The use, widening, or extension of existing right-of-ways must be considered in locating proposed facilities" as well as section 380.15 (a) that work would be "undertaken in a way that avoids or minimizes effects on scenic, historic, wildlife, and recreational values".

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners hereby oppose the construction of the ET Rover pipeline based on the lack of necessity for Michigan and the Country due to excess pipeline capacity versus demand as stated by the parent company Energy Transfer as cited in the Order Approving Abandonment, Docket No. CP12-491-000 issued by FERC on November 7, 2013.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners request that if FERC does feel approval is appropriate for this project that they hold ET Rover accountable for all siting requirements and approve the application only if the multiple existing corridors and pipelines are utilized, with no new corridors created reducing the impact to landowners and or ecosystems.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this Resolution shall be filed as a comment before the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission and sent directly to U.S. Senator Debbie Stabenow, U.S. Senator Carl Levin, U.S. Representative Tim Walberg, U.S. Representative John Dingell, Governor Rick Snyder, Senator Rebecca Warren, Senator Joe Hune, Representative Gretchen Driskell and Townships in Washtenaw County within the proposed pipeline route.

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