

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL

No. 645

Approved December 23, 2004

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WHEREAS, Liquefied natural gas creates the potential for fast-spreading fire in case of accidental spillage, and requires that emergency plans and safety precautions be strictly observed in the storage and supply of LNG; and

WHEREAS, On November 30, 2004 the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) issued a draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) on the proposed facility, in which it's noted that the current KeySpan facility does not conform to certain safety regulations established under the Pipeline Safety Act, which are considered imperative in the case of an accident; and

WHEREAS, The Governor of Rhode Island; the Rhode Island Attorney General; the Mayor of the City of Providence; the City of East Providence; and numerous citizen advocacy groups have expressed concern about and/or opposition to the proposed LNG facility based upon these safety issues, as well as the overall environmental impact; and

WHEREAS, The Chief of the Providence Fire Department stated that the proposed LNG facility poses the potential for a serious hazard that could overwhelm the capabilities of the local firefighting departments.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the City Council of the City of Providence hereby:

Section 1: Opposes the proposed KeySpan LNG facility in Providence; and

Section 2: Urges the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) to require that KeySpan LNG bring its existing facility into compliance with federal safety regulations; and

Section 3: Requests that upon approval, a copy of this resolution be sent to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission; the Rhode Island Congressional Delegation; the Governor of the State of Rhode Island; the Rhode Island Attorney General; and the Chief of the Providence Fire Department.

CITY COUNCIL
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READ AND PASSED

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MAYOR

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Councilwoman Young, Councilman Jackson & Allen.
Council President Lombardi, Councilman Lewis, Councilwoman Williams

Claire Bestwick

From: Yvonne Graf
Sent: Wednesday, December 08, 2004 5:33 PM
To: Claire Bestwick
Subject: revised

Claire,
I caught a few grammar/spelling errors. Here is the revised.
Yvonne

Sponsored by Council President Lombardi
For December 16, 2004 Council Meeting

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