

**RESOLUTION URGING THE FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY
COMMISSION TO MEANINGFULLY ADDRESS SAFETY AND
ENVIRONMENTAL CONCERNS REGARDING THE SOUTHEAST
SUPPLY ENHANCEMENT PROJECT**

WHEREAS, the Guilford County Board of Commissioners is committed to protecting the health, safety, welfare, and environmental integrity of all residents of Guilford County; and

WHEREAS, the proposed Southeast Supply Enhancement Project (SSEP), advanced by Williams Transco (“Company”), would involve the expansion of pipeline infrastructure through portions of Guilford County and neighboring jurisdictions adding approximately 24 miles of 42-inch pipeline through Guilford, Rockingham, Forsyth, and Davidson Counties delivering an additional 1.6 million dekatherms per day of natural gas;

WHEREAS, the Company plans to add additional compressor units in Cleveland, Iredell, and Davidson Counties (Stations 145, 150, 155)¹;

WHEREAS, the Transco pipeline system has operated in Guilford County for over 75 years, and the Company has emphasized its longstanding commitment to operational safety, environmental stewardship, and community partnership, including proactive pipeline maintenance, integrity management programs, and transparent reporting protocols;

WHEREAS, this pipeline enhancement project raises a range of concerns for citizens including, but not limited to: public safety risks, water resource impacts, environmental degradation, disproportionate impacts, lack of inclusive engagement, and economic risks;

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners honors its role to promote the health, safety, and well-being of all residents, as well as responsible stewardship of the County’s natural environment and its resources;

¹ <https://www.williams.com/expansion-project/southeast-supply-enhancement/>

WHEREAS, existing safety tools such as well monitoring programs and the Guilford Emergency Alert, Notification, and Information System (GEANI)² should be incorporated into regulatory and safety planning efforts; and

WHEREAS, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) is the federal agency vested with the authority and responsibility to conduct comprehensive environmental reviews, evaluate public comments, and determine whether proposed energy infrastructure projects are in the public interest.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Guilford County Board of Commissioners respectfully urges the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission to:

1. Ensure continued, clear, and proactive communication with local governments and the public, and encourages federal and corporate partners to meaningfully consider the input and concerns of Guilford County residents throughout the regulatory process;
2. Fully and transparently consider the health, safety, environmental, and quality-of-life concerns raised by Guilford County residents and other affected stakeholders regarding the Southeast Supply Enhancement Project;
3. Require a comprehensive Environmental Assessment (EA) under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) that rigorously evaluates all potential risks and alternatives to the proposed pipeline expansion;
4. Ensure that impacted communities are meaningfully consulted and that their input is reflected in any final determinations regarding the project's approval, route, and regulatory conditions; and
5. Require the Williams-Transco Company to provide immediate notification of emergency events to affected residents and local emergency management agencies to ensure the public receives timely and effective communication that would enable residents to take appropriate protective action; and

² GEANI an automated system to notify residents of urgent and emergency information through cell phone, home phone and/or email. The system provides time sensitive, geographically-based public safety messages and is available to all residents and businesses within Guilford County (including City of High Point residents in Forsyth, Davidson, and Randolph Counties).

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, the North Carolina Utilities Commission, members of the North Carolina General Assembly representing Guilford County, and the Guilford County Congressional Delegation.

PRESENTED this 5th day of June, 2025.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand and cause the corporate seal of the County of Guilford to be affixed.

Melvin “Skip” Alston
Chairman, Guilford County Board of
Commissioners