

Stockbridge-Munsee Community

BAND OF MOHICAN INDIANS

TRIBAL COUNCIL OFFICES

Resolution

August 18, 2020

No.058-20

WHEREAS, National Grid is proposing to build Pipeline E37 on the traditional homelands of the Stockbridge-Munsee Community, a federally-recognized Tribe, that would transport gas through a 7.3 mile pipeline between Bethlehem and East Greenbush, New York; and

WHEREAS, the pipeline crosses the Hudson River, the Muhheacannituck, our namesake, the *waters that are never still*; and

WHEREAS, the pipeline route through Papscaanee Island in East Greenbush is of particular concern as it was a village led by Mohican Sachem (Chief) Papsickene, and holds immense cultural significance to our People as a center of life repeatedly from at least 2500 B.C. through the 17th century; and

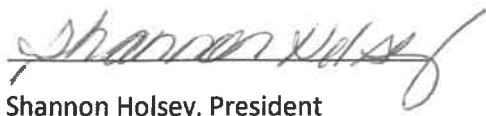
WHEREAS, the entirety of Papscaanee Island is nominated as eligible for the National Register of Historic Places as a historically and archeologically significant district and is viewed by the Tribe as a traditional cultural landscape due to the range of pottery, tools, habitations, evidence of food gathering, growing and cooking, as well as ceremonial and burial sensitivity it possesses; and

WHEREAS, our Tribal Nation has worked in good faith with National Grid and all project parties to attempt to come to a resolution that would avoid impacts to Papscaanee Island but nonetheless the proposed project route remains across the Island;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Stockbridge-Munsee Community opposes the proposed alignment of the Pipeline E37 project through Papscaanee Island due to cultural resource concerns and calls upon the State of New York and the Army Corps of Engineers to do the same.

CERTIFICATION

I, the undersigned, as Secretary of the Stockbridge-Munsee Tribal Council, hereby certify that the Council is composed of 7 members, of whom 7, constituting a quorum, were present at a meeting duly called, noticed, and held on the 18th day of August, 2020, that the foregoing resolution was duly adopted at such meeting by a vote of 6 for, 0 against, and 0 abstaining.



Shannon Holsey, President
Stockbridge-Munsee Tribal Council



Jody Hartwig, Secretary
Stockbridge-Munsee Tribal Council