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Case#11-T-0401

Your Honor:

In Late July, Bluestone Gathering Corporation filed for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need. This letter is in support of the Bluestone Gathering natural gas gathering pipeline system.

According to New York State's own research, the State of New York has lost over 50,000 construction jobs since the recession began in 2008. Those jobs have been lost, but the New York State construction workers and their families are still here in New York and still trying to support themselves and their families. Union built natural gas pipelines provided good paying jobs with benefits for New York families. Natural gas pipelines are a safe, efficient transportation vehicle for the clean energy New York needs to prosper. The Bluestone group is estimating 275 construction jobs to complete the project from Sanford, NY through Susquehanna County, PA. Many of these construction jobs will be filled by laborers, heavy equipment operators, truck drivers and welders from New York State. It is our understanding that along with the construction wages, the Bluestone group will inject much needed revenue into the local economy through the purchase of goods and services from local suppliers and retailers.

As the Business Manager of Laborers Local 785, representing almost 1,000 construction Laborers and their families in the Southern Tier and Finger Lakes Regions of New York, I urge you to grant the Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need to the Bluestone Gathering Corporation of New York for the construction of the natural gas gathering pipeline system. If you have any questions, or would like to discuss this in further detail, please do not hesitate to contact me at our Ithaca office, (607) 272-3122.

Thank you,

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