

**TOWN OF GHENT
COLUMBIA COUNTY, NEW YORK**

**YEAR: 2012
RESOLUTION NO. 29**

At a regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Ghent, Columbia County, New York, duly held on the 21st day of June, 2012 at the Town Hall, Ghent, New York, the following Resolution was proposed and seconded:

Resolution by: Lawrence J. Andrews;

Seconded by: Richard Sardo;

WHEREAS, New York State Electric and Gas Company, (hereinafter "NYSEG") has filed an application with the Public Service Commission for the construction of a 115 KV new powerline through the middle of the Town of Ghent, and

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Ghent is very concerned with respect to this matter and the effect it will have upon the environment and the residents of the Town of Ghent, and

WHEREAS, prior to this filing, the Town of Ghent formed a sub-committee to obtain information from NYSEG regarding this matter and with respect to possible alternatives, and

WHEREAS, in connection with this matter, the Town engaged engineers who have studied this matter and proposed an alternative to provide for backup power needs to be met by upgrading existing lines and facilities rather than the construction of a huge 115 KV new powerline through the Town of Ghent, and

WHEREAS, although NYSEG's engineer showed interest in this alternative, NYSEG rejected this proposal without adequate explanation and refused to meet with representatives of the Town to discuss this matter and to set forth a reasonable basis for this rejection, and

WHEREAS, there are numerous unanswered questions in connection with this matter which NYSEG has yet to properly address,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Town Board of the Town of Ghent as follows:

1. The Town does hereby seek party status in connection with the application that NYSEG has filed before the Public Service Commission and the Town Attorney is hereby instructed to take all necessary steps to file for party status in connection with the review of this matter.
2. There are several unanswered questions which the Town Board hereby demands that NYSEG answer including the following:
 - A. Is there a need for an improvement to the NYSEG power grid?
 - B. Does such upgrade serve the residents of the Town of Ghent or is it intended to serve some other area?
 - C. Why doesn't NYSEG want to consider the alternative proposed by the engineers acting on behalf of the Town?
 - D. What are the environmental issues alleged by NYSEG's lawyer regarding an upgrade rather than the construction of a new powerline through the middle of the Town of Ghent?
 - E. The attorney for NYSEG has alleged that an upgrade of the existing system is going to be more detrimental to the environment than the construction of a new line. How is that possible?
 - F. What are the specifics regarding the allegation from NYSEG's attorney that an upgrade would cost significantly more than the construction of a new line? NYSEG has failed to adequately demonstrate this differential.
 - G. Why did NYSEG in its application to the Public Service Commission propose a route that is not straight across the Town but rather zig zags in order to create 11.2 miles rather than a shorter distance? Initially, prior to NYSEG's application to the Public Service Commission, NYSEG had proposed a new powerline of approximately 9 miles rather than 11.2 miles. If the most feasible path across the Town is less than 10 miles as

originally proposed, then this application under Article 7 of the Public Service Commission Law would not be appropriate but rather NYSEG would have to apply under other regulations of the Public Service Commission and the Town of Ghent would have regulatory authority.

H. Why has NYSEG refused to meet with representatives of the Town to discuss these matters, despite repeated request from representatives of the Town to do so?

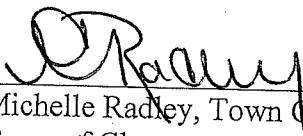
Upon question of the foregoing Resolution, the following Town Board Members voted "Aye" in favor of the Resolution :

Lawrence J. Andrews Jr. _____;
Linda Hess _____;
Peter Nelson _____;
Richard Sardo _____; and
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The following Town Board Members voted "No" in opposition thereto: none _____; and
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The Resolution having been approved by a majority of the Town Board, the same was declared duly adopted by the Supervisor of the Town of Ghent.

DATED: June 21, 2012



Michelle Radley, Town Clerk
Town of Ghent