

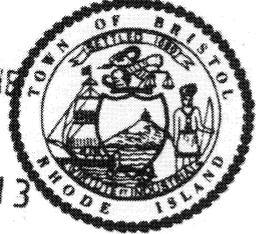
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Council Clerk
Louis P. Cirillo, CMC

January 7, 2010

President Barack Obama
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Ave., NW
Washington, DC 20500

CP04-36-005

Dear President Obama,

It is with great concern for our community and future generations of Rhode Islanders that we write this note to you. Rhode Islanders request your personal visit and attention to a serious environmental and security matter that rests within the authority of your FERC commission. The Hess Corporation is on the verge of locating and positioning a LNG offloading platform deep within our State's borders with an LNG tanker transit route that ultimately would threaten the health, safety, and welfare of all Rhode Islanders and also the security of our Nation's Naval Warfare College and Naval Undersea Warfare Center.

As the elected leaders of a Town with a population of approximately twenty five thousand and home to a world renowned University with an additional population of approximately five thousand students from all areas of the world located within a tanker blast zone, it is our sworn constitutional obligation, as it is yours, the need to protect at all costs the health, safety, and welfare of all our residents near and far.

We recognize the need for energy supplies for our Nation's security and our region's economy; however this application's main argument has since become a moot point due to new safer regional offshore facilities in and for our region that have since come online to service our area with little or no threat to our residents or our environment.

Rhode Island and Massachusetts Federal, State, and local elected officials as well as our fire and police first responders stand together to stop this looming threat to our region and we ask that you impose a moratorium or stay on this FERC decision before it is too late.

We respectfully ask that you take seriously the concerns expressed in our letter and appoint a Cabinet level official to investigate the information we have brought to your attention. In addition, Rhode Islanders would greatly appreciate a personal visit by you to see for yourself what is being proposed.

Sincerely,


Diane C. Mederos
Bristol Town Administrator


Kenneth A. Marshall
Chairman, Bristol Town Council

State of Rhode Island & Providence Plantations Town of Bristol

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Town of Bristol recognizes the priceless perpetual contributions of Narragansett Bay and Mount Hope Bay to our local and state economy, environment, and quality of life; and

WHEREAS, we fully recognize the importance of a sustainable, safe, and secure national energy supply; and

WHEREAS, the Hess Liquefied Natural Gas ("LNG") proposal for Mount Hope Bay would fundamentally threaten and disrupt our local and state economy, environment, quality of life, and health, safety, and welfare; and

WHEREAS, if an accident or attack is perpetuated against an LNG vessel, the Town of Bristol does not have adequate resources, both financial and manpower, to address a catastrophic conflagration; and

WHEREAS, it would be impossible for the Town of Bristol to provide even the minimum security requirements for the passage of an LNG ship due to the terrain of the shoreline, more than 30 rights-of-way, and insufficient funds and manpower in its police department and harbor patrol; and

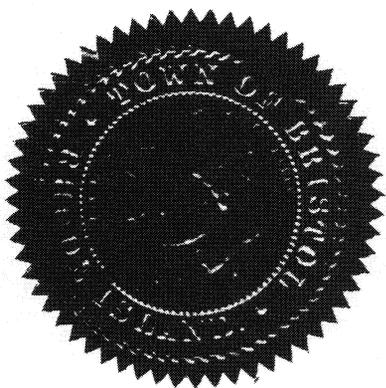
WHEREAS, we believe less environmentally and economically damaging alternatives currently exist to the submitted Hess LNG proposal for bringing gas to our region.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that The Town of Bristol categorically opposes the Hess LNG proposal for Mount Hope Bay; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town of Bristol, on behalf of its population, will act accordingly at every level of government to defend its Constitutional obligations to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the public from this looming threat.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Clerk is hereby instructed to submit a copy of this resolution to the various City and Town Councils in the State of Rhode Island seeking their consideration and support by joining in opposition to the LNG proposal in Mount Hope Bay.

In witness whereof we have hereunto set our hands and affixed the Seal of the Town of Bristol on adoption this Sixth day of January, A. D., Two-thousand Ten.



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Attest: Louis P. Cirillo, CMC, Clerk