

RHODE ISLAND TURNPIKE AND BRIDGE AUTHORITY  
RESOLUTION NO. 10-07

REAFFIRMATION OF 2005 LNG RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors of the Rhode Island Turnpike and Bridge Authority (“Authority”), in a Resolution dated June 14, 2005, previously took action concerning plans to expand liquefied natural gas (“LNG”) facilities in the area; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors of the Authority desires to reaffirm its position with regard to the proposed LNG facilities; and,

WHEREAS, the Authority has the authority under Title 24-12 of the Rhode Island General Laws to maintain and operate the Claiborne Pell Bridge and the Mount Hope Bridge (the “Bridges”); and,

WHEREAS, the Authority has a long history of maintaining and operating these Bridges in a secure and cost efficient manner that is in the best interests of the motoring public; and,

WHEREAS, there has been ongoing interest to expand LNG facilities at the Port of Providence and/or build facilities in southeastern Massachusetts at Waver’s Cove which involves LNG tanker traffic under and/or in the proximity of the Bridges; and,

WHEREAS, potential safety and security issues relating to the transportation of large amounts of LNG through coastal waters and under or in proximity to the Bridges still has not been sufficiently developed and addressed; and,

WHEREAS, the movement of tankers carrying large amounts of LNG under or in proximity to the Bridges will require the Bridges to be closed to traffic; and,

WHEREAS, the closure of the Claiborne Pell Bridge would adversely impact toll revenue received by the Authority by causing motorists to seek alternative routes to and from Aquidneck Island; and,

WHEREAS, the closure of the Bridges can be expected to created safety hazards, including delays in the response times of emergency vehicles, including advanced life support vehicles, basic transporting ambulances, police, fire and rescue vehicles; and,

WHEREAS, maintaining the security, both real and perceived, of the Bridges and the infrastructure of which they are a critical part, has been, and continues to be, expected to pose difficult, if not insurmountable, challenges if the Authority must prepare to have vessels carrying large quantities of LNG passing under and/or in proximity to the Bridges.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Directors of the Authority hereby renews that resolution passed by the Board on June 14, 2005, and continues to oppose the

LNG facility projects and urges the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission and all other local, state and federal regulatory bodies to reject these LNG facility and transportation proposals.

This Resolution has been approved by the Rhode Island Turnpike and Bridge Authority Board Members at a Meeting of the Board on February 3, 2010.



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Earl Croft, III, Secretary

Dated: February 3, 2010