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This submission is for the New Jersey BPU request for public comment regarding London Economics International's Final Report: "Analysis of Natural Gas Capacity to Serve New Jersey Firm Consumers" (**Docket No. G020010033**)

On behalf of the Teamsters National Pipeline Labor Management Cooperation Trust (LMCT) representing the Teamsters Union and the Pipeline Contractors Association (PLCA) we support the need for natural gas infrastructure in New Jersey.

We have contractors who specialize in pipeline work that involve rivers, wetlands and waterways.

Our trained Teamster workforce operates this specialized equipment in a skilled and environmentally friendly manner.

Therefore, they value protecting the environment while doing the construction and restoring the land so they can continue to participate in these recreational activities.

This will only enhance their safety and environmental concerns and awareness during construction and restoration.

Another part of the collective bargaining agreement is a formal "Drug and Alcohol" Policy. A drug and alcohol free work force is less likely to have accidents or damage the environment since they will not work under the influence of drugs or alcohol that can negatively impact their judgment and quality of the work.

could be used for funding social programs that benefit the citizens of New Jersey.

Money spent has a multiplier effect in the local community as workers spend money for purchases at local business establishments and local businesses revenues will grow from purchases of materials and supplies from New Jersey companies.

In closing, based upon the Teamsters Training specific to pipeline work, the contractually mandated safety and pipeline specific qualifications listed in the collective bargaining agreement promoting quality work the Teamsters National Pipeline LMCT supports the building of the Project.

New Jersey BPU should mandate that any pipeline projects under their domain would be performed under a Union Project Labor Agreement as a condition for approval guaranteeing local union construction workers get the work.

Without ample supply of natural gas prices will only rise inducing greater inflation that is a hidden tax on your citizens; especially the poor as they spend a greater share of their income on energy compared to others who have greater income.

According to our collective bargaining agreement our workers must be qualified. The contractors demand strict adherence to this language.

This ensures a more skilled and trained workforce who resides in New Jersey so it is less likely there will be any negative environmental issue;

We have certified Training Instructors and a training program specific to the pipeline construction industry stressing quality of work and environmental awareness.

Our training not only includes Defensive Driving techniques but often-formal classroom instruction in addition to specific equipment training.

Many of our Trainers have been cited by outside Safety Organizations for their expertise and training skills.

Many Teamster workers on this Project will be Veterans coming out of Veteran Programs we participate in to recruit our former military men and women.

These Teamster Veterans are disciplined and taught about being aware of their natural surroundings both while serving in the military and undergoing our training programs.

Our training program, veterans program, high wages and employer paid health insurance and pensions only enhance our Union Contractors ESG score.

The money spent on building pipelines in New Jersey will have a major economic impact on state and local tax revenues that