

RESOLUTION WITH REGARD TO NATURAL GAS DRILLING

The Town Board of the Town of Kirkwood, duly convened in Regular Session, does hereby RESOLVE as follows:

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Kirkwood, Broome County, New York (hereinafter referred to as the Board) has followed with interest the spoken and published information relating to the Marcellus Shale (hereinafter called Marcellus) natural gas formation production potential in New York State; and

WHEREAS, the Board recognizes the dire and declining financial position of the State of New York and the analogous local need for employment and economic stimulation; and

WHEREAS, the Marcellus is larger in size (65 million acres) than the Barnett Shale in Texas (3 million acres) with a production potential of fifty (50) years or more; and

WHEREAS, the DEC has been conducting a comprehensive review of the environmental issues pertaining to horizontal drilling and hydro-fracturing related to gas production in the Marcellus Shale and it appears that the regulations relating to the production of natural gas in New York State are and will be the most controlling in the United States; and

THEREFORE, the Town of Kirkwood respectfully requests the State Legislature stand aside regarding the issue of drilling in the Marcellus Shale and allow the DEC to complete the sGEIS and issue permits for horizontal drilling; and further in the event the State Legislature passes legislation for a moratorium of any length, creating a delay or total ban of drilling in New York State that Governor Paterson veto any and all such legislation and permit the Marcellus industry to progress.

FURTHER, the Town Clerk of the Town of Kirkwood is directed to forward a certified copy of this resolution to the Supervisors and Mayors of all municipalities in the County of Broome and to Kirkwood's State representatives in Albany and to the Governor of the State of New York.

Adopted Aug 17, 2010