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Names of arrested protesters released

By DAVID L. SHAW
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READING — A renowned biologist and author, an 86-year-old activist, a retired Air Force officer and a mother and son were among the 10 protesters arrested Wednesday during a blockade of the Crestwood Midstream gas storage facility.

Seven were arrested at the north gate after blocking a truck from entering the property. They were charged with trespassing and disorderly conduct.

Three others were arrested at the south gate and charged with trespassing. All were released with appearance tickets and will answer the charges Wednesday in Reading Town Court.

Arrested were Patricia Heckert of Trumansburg; Roland Micklem, 86, of Geneva; Jeanne Judson, 76, of Burdett and her son, Patrick, 39, of Burdett; Chuck Geisler, 69, of Ithaca; the Rev. Nancy Kasper, 56, of North Rose; Katherine Rossiter, 62, of Sayre, Pa.; Dwain Wilder, 75, of Rochester; Sandra Stein­graber, 55, of Ithaca; and Colleen Boland, 58, of Elmira.

They are among the 200 or so people participating in the "We Are Seneca Lake" action in opposition to Crestwood’s plan to store natural gas or methane in underground salt caverns on the west shore of Seneca Lake.

Crestwood has received federal approval for increasing the amount of methane it can store from 1.45 to 2 billion cubic feet and could have begun construction Oct. 24, which is when the protest began. Construction has not yet started.

Steingraber is a biologist, author and visiting professor at Ithaca College.

"I was arrested for blocking a construction site belonging to Crestwood Midstream, which seeks to bury highly pressurized gases from fracking operations in old salt caverns along the banks of Seneca Lake where my son was born," Steingraber said in a statement released Thursday. "I am a mother looking out for the future of my children and I am not playing. I was arrested for defending water."

Boland is a retired Air Force senior master sergeant and former member of the White House National Space Council.

"My sworn oath is to protect against all enemies, foreign and domestic. I never imagined that I would have to re-serve in retirement to defend the climate and defend against domestic threats posed by the fracking infrastructure here on my own soil," she said. "I was proud to serve back then and I’m proud to serve now. If I end up in jail on Veterans Day, so be it."

The statement noted the irony of being arrested for trying to protect an area that was just named Wine Region of the Year by the Wine Enthusiast magazine.

Stop Crestwood

You Best Think Long and Hard
The Future of the Finger Lakes is in your hands Now
Magazine touts N.Y. wine region as year’s best

By JIM MILLER
jmiller@ftimes.com

The decision by Wine Enthusiast magazine to name New York as its Wine Region of the Year might surprise those unfamiliar with the state’s booming wine industry.

It did not surprise Jeff Shipley. "While I am extremely happy to hear the news … they’re telling us something we already know," said Shipley, director of the Seneca County Chamber of Commerce. "Those of us in New York affiliated with the tourism industry already know this is one of the premier regions in the entire world when it comes to wine."

Not that Shipley objects to the reminder. "Press like this, acclaim like this, really are what drives the growth in our communities," Shipley said. "I think a lot of people have a lot to be proud of today."

New York beat out Champagne, France; Chianti Classico, Italy; the Sonoma Coast, California; and Red Mountain, Washington, for the honor.

Wine Enthusiast said New York’s five wine areas have grown from a minor economic and tourism blip to a set of internationally recognized destinations.

Since 1985, the magazine reported, the number of wineries has grown from 37 to 375 and the number of annual tourist visits from 340,000 to more than 5 million.

"The New York wine industry has made a remarkable comeback in the past 30 years in terms of the quality of wines, number of wineries, and economic impact," Wine Enthusiast Publisher and Editor Adam Strum said on the magazine’s website. "All of those positive indicators have accelerated tremendously during the past four years, making New York State one of the most vibrant and promising wine-producing destinations in the world."

Jim Trezise, president of the Canandaigua-based New York Wine and Grape Foundation, called New York an overnight success story 30 years in the making. "That’s huge," he said of the Wine Enthusiast honor. "This is a result of hundreds of people working together for decades to improve everything from the quality of the grapes and wine to the size of the industry."

Trezise credited current Gov. Andrew Cuomo and his father, former Gov. Mario Cuomo, for their support of the wine industry. "Diversity is our strength. Unity is our power," Trezise said. "That has been our mantra for 30 years, and this award reflects that combination. … This award is also a major step toward the fulfillment of our goal — to have the New York wine and grape industry recognized as a world leader in quality, productivity and social responsibility."

Trezise said he knows of no way to directly track whether the honor translates into more tourism and more business for local wineries — but believes it will help. "This is a huge piece of recognition, and it’s going to have a lot of legs," Trezise said. "This is basically worldwide recognition for New York. The retailers and restaurants that may not have been carrying New York wines, or not many New York wines, are all of a sudden going to pay notice and say, ‘They’re better than we thought.’"

Shipley made a similar point. "All of the recognition that comes our way, be it from a state level or be it from a regional level, that’s all positive," he said. "It will help to get people thinking that might not have associated New York necessarily with the premiere wine region it is."

And if the article puts New York on people’s radar screens, one of the first things they will find is the Finger Lakes, he added.

He sees the honor as a good marketing tool for the state and believes it will help the area capitalize on its growing culinary, beer and distilling attractions. A similar thing happened in California’s most famous wine region, he said. "We have really seen gigantic growth in the wine industry, and it’s really remarkable how closely we mimic the Napa Valley region in California," he said.

Wine Enthusiast will formally present the Wine Region of the Year Award at its Wine Star Awards gala, scheduled for Jan. 26, 2015, in the New York Public Library’s Celeste Ballroom.

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The Finger Lakes Region is bordered on the north by Lake Ontario and on the south by Pennsylvania. West of the Finger Lakes lies the Genesee Region and western New York. To the east are the Catskill Mountains, the Adirondacks and the Leatherstocking Region. Rochester and Syracuse are within easy driving distance of any Finger Lake.
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Dear Commissioner Martens,

As a long-time resident of New York's beautiful Finger Lakes region, a realtor, and a writer on the area's food and wine businesses, I congratulate you and Governor Cuomo on New York's recent selection as Wine Enthusiast's 2014 Wine Region of the Year! Please don't jeopardize the growing success of this segment of our state's economy, the environment which has made this success possible, and the water supply of approximately 100,000 of our local citizens. Please make sure next Mondays' draft Finger Lakes LPG storage permit recommends AGAINST gas storage.

Thank you very much!
Peggy Haine
Dear Governor Cuomo and Commissioner Martens:

Congratulations on New York's recent selection as Wine Enthusiast's 2014 Wine Region of the Year! As well as NY State's record setting pace for new breweries!

Please don't jeopardize the growing success of these segments of our state's economy, or the environment which has made this success possible. Please make sure next Monday's draft Finger Lakes LPG storage permit recommends AGAINST gas storage.

Thank you very much!
Laura Lynch
Heavily Brewing Co.
2471 Hayes Road
Montour Falls, NY 14865
Dear Commissioner Martens:

As a resident of Yates County, living overlooking Seneca lake in the middle of wine country, I say congratulations on New York's recent selection as Wine Enthusiast's 2014 Wine Region of the Year! Please don't jeopardize the growing success of this segment of our state's economy, or the environment which has made this success possible. Please make sure next Mondays' draft Finger Lakes LPG storage permit recommends AGAINST gas storage.

Thank you very much!
Ileen Kaplan-Maxwell
Carol Doolittle
9501 Rte 89
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County: Schuyler/Seneca

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Email: contactus@frontenacpoint.com

Dear Commissioner Martens,

NY has been selected as Wine Enthusiast's 2014 Wine Region of the Year thus attaining worldwide notice. Please don't jeopardize the success of wine tourism in the Finger Lakes and the environment which helped make this success possible by allowing anything to diminish this region. Please make sure next Monday's draft Finger Lakes LPG storage permit recommends AGAINST gas storage.

Thank you,

Jim and Carol Doolittle
Co-owners Frontenac Point Winery, NYFW#44
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Lael Eisman
1536 Caywood Rd
Lodi NY, 14860

County: Schuyler
Organization: Six circles farm

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Email received from Website:

Please do Not permit the Crestwood lpg storage expansion on Seneca Lake. There is too much at risk here to permit such a thing, and too many unanswered questions about the stability of the geology and surface brine migration previously documented from these caverns. Thank you.
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Jaclyn Loberg
1536 Caywood Rd.
Lodi NY, 14860

County: Seneca Lake

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I am a concerned resident of Seneca County. I write to urge you to see the risks to our environment, our economy, and our water is too great. An out of area company has no concern for our lake and is not insured if there is an issue. The question is, what happens if there is a problem, leaks, explosions, collapses. Is there any way to remedy that? I intend to raise my family on this lake, as do many others. Please consider the risk is greater than any financial gain and Crestwood's personal interests. Thank you for your time. Jaclyn Loberg
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Richard Vultaggio
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Dear Governor Cuomo and Commissioner Martens:

Congratulations on New York’s recent selection as Wine Enthusiast’s 2014 Wine Region of the Year! Please don’t jeopardize the growing success of this segment of our state’s economy, or the environment which has made this success possible. Please make sure next Mondays’ draft Finger Lakes LPG storage permit recommends AGAINST gas storage.

Thank you very much!
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Dear Commissioner Martens:

Congratulations on New York’s recent selection as Wine Enthusiast’s 2014 Wine Region of the Year!

We and our visitors from NYC and Europe drink local wines and visit the vineyards.

Please don’t jeopardize the growing success of this segment of our state’s economy, or the environment which has made this success possible.

Please make sure next Monday’s draft Finger Lakes LPG storage permit recommends AGAINST gas storage.

Thank you very much!
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Dear Governor Cuomo and Commissioner Martens:

Congratulations on New York’s recent selection as Wine Enthusiast’s 2014 Wine Region of the Year! Please don’t jeopardize the growing success of this segment of our state’s economy, or the environment which has made this success possible. Please make sure next Mondays’ draft Finger Lakes LPG storage permit recommends AGAINST gas storage. The science behind this project is quite sketchy and it is better to err on the side of caution when it comes to a major source of drinking water!

Thank you very much!
Steve Sierigh, Acorn Designs
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Heide Stuebel-Horowitz
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Dear Commissioner Martens:

NY has been selected as Wine Enthusiast’s 2014 Wine Region of the Year thus attaining world wide notice. Please don’t jeopardize the success of wine tourism in the Finger Lakes and the environment which helped make this success possible by allowing anything to diminish this region. Please make sure next Mondays’ draft Finger Lakes LPG storage permit recommends AGAINST gas storage.

Thank you.
Heide Stuebel-Horowitz
As a RN and resident of the Finger Lakes for more than 35 years I have great concern regarding proposed gas storage along Seneca lake. Seneca lake serves as a source of drinking water for 100,000 and already has a high salt content. Spills from brine ponds or salt forced out by compression would increase the salinity even more so contaminating the unique environment. Geneva is "The trout fishing capital of the world". We are recognized for the production of world class wines and tourists flock to this area to enjoy the beauty and bounty of our region. Watkins Glen State Park is only a few miles away from the proposed site. The "old salt mines" were abandoned on account of concern due to their instability. A fault lines runs north south along the west side of the lake and we had an earth quake just a year ago. The formation of the salt mines is not continuous salt, but also layers of limestone which is subject to shifting. Accidents have happened in similar types of gas storage facilities where gas has escaped and exploded killing people.

The risks to our health from potential water and air pollution are great. The damage to our thriving agricultural and tourist dependent community could be devastating to our economy.

I recently read about the dangers of gas storage being omitted from a report the DEC conducted. Please protect us, we the people, with a full study of the safety of all forms of gas storage along Seneca Lake, and full disclosure of making a determination. We hold the DEC responsible to please do your job to protect the environment and act in the best interest of the people of NY.

Thank-you,
Patricia Bee Bielawski RN
November 17, 2014

The Honorable Andrew M. Cuomo
Governor of New York State
NYS State Capitol Building
Albany, NY 12224

Dear Governor Cuomo,

I am writing to oppose the expansion of the Crestwood liquefied propane and butane reservoir on on the shore of Seneca Lake.

I was raised in Syracuse, NY, attended the public William H. Nottingham High School, and graduated from Yale University in 1978. Since then I have been engaged in several media-related businesses and recently stepped down as the CEO of a publicly-traded firm, WANTED Technologies.

In 2008, I purchased 120 acres of farmland on the west side of Seneca Lake in the town of Lodi, I have constructed a home and have planted 18 acres of vineyard to produce world-class Rieslings from New York. Our wines have received scores of 90 points and higher from Wine Enthusiast. Our vineyard, Boundary Breaks, is one of many such growing businesses bringing recognition and revenue to the State of New York.

Governor Cuomo, you have been a great supporter of New York wineries. We appreciate that immensely, and I am a strong supporter of yours. The approval of the Crestwood project is inconsistent with your supportive stance toward one of the few growing, upstate industries. Like the Seneca Meadows Landfill, a Crestwood expansion will be a blight on a beautiful region for hundreds of years.

The Crestwood project is not a local issue. It is not even a regional issue. It is a statewide issue requiring executive intervention. You can intervene.

New York has the Adirondack Park because another Governor of New York, Teddy Roosevelt, had the vision to preserve it.

You, too, can demonstrate such vision for New York by continuing to support the winery and tourism industry in the Finger Lakes. Send the message. Prevent the Crestwood expansion.

Sincerely,

Bruce Murray, Co-owner
Boundary Breaks Vineyard
November 17, 2014

The Honorable Andrew M. Cuomo
Governor of New York State
NYS State Capitol Building
Albany, NY 12224

Dear Governor Cuomo:

The New York Construction Materials Association, Inc. (NYMaterials) is a statewide trade organization representing the business interests of construction materials producers. I writing to express my support for the proposed Finger Lakes LPG storage project. As a New York business executive, I know firsthand that construction projects like the Finger Lakes storage facility are crucial to positioning New York communities for success over the long run. The tax base provided by this infrastructure project will help to significantly reduce the tax burden that local residents would otherwise bear, and will provide funding for our schools and public services. The project will also help to reduce price spikes and ensure product supply for local consumers, and provides an environmentally-sound way to further use our natural resources (salt deposits) for the benefit of local communities.

I strongly urge you to provide the leadership necessary to show the public that New York is a good place to invest capital. Propane and natural gas have been stored in Upstate New York for decades, so we know this type of activity can be done safely and without negatively impacting other growing areas of our economy.

Sincerely,

David S. Hamling
President & CEO

cc: Commissioner Joe Martins, DEC
November 19, 2014

Governor Andrew Cuomo
NYS State Capitol Building
Albany, NY 12224

Dear Governor Cuomo:

Founded in 1911, O'Connell Electric Company is one of the largest electrical contractors in the United States. With offices in Rochester, Buffalo, Syracuse and Albany, our 525+ employees provide comprehensive design-build, construction, maintenance, and emergency response services throughout New York and surrounding regions of the Northeast. And we support Crestwood's proposed Finger Lakes LPG storage project. Our electricians and linemen are all represented by the IBEW.

We routinely work on projects that we know are designed safely and will benefit consumers, yet are opposed by environmental and other groups. The proposed LPG storage project is no different. Pipeline and other companies have stored propane in salt caverns in the Finger Lakes since the 1950s, and these bulk storage facilities are essential to helping hundreds of thousands of residents and businesses obtain what it's needed the most.

In short, this storage project checks all of the boxes –

- creates jobs and tax revenue for our communities
- supports the State's promotion of clean-burning fuel sources
- provides a solution to the propane industry's need for more storage (benefiting consumers)
- provides an environmentally-sound alternative to greenfield construction (by repurposing existing, unused manufacturing assets)
- reduces our country's dependence on foreign oil

We understand the sensitivities of permitting energy projects these days, and that no business is risk free. But it's hard to argue with the storage industry's proven track record (which hasn't stopped local wineries from experiencing tremendous growth), and the fact that technological advances and increased regulation make these activities safer than ever.

We are asking you to support the Finger Lakes LPG storage project.

Regards,

[Signature]
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J. MARTENS, COMMISSIONER NYS DEC
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December 2, 2014

Dear Commissioner Martens,

With each issue of The Conservationist you promote the Empire State as a prime destination for tourists, a "Mecca for outdoor recreation" and highlight also the importance of such tourism to NYS' economy.

As the title of DEC's magazine is The Conservationist, its purpose as defined is "The Planned Management of a Natural Resource (Seneca Lake) to Prevent its Exploitation or Destruction."

That being so, you simply cannot, must not permit the Crestwood project for gas storage in former salt caverns above the lake, nor the creation of a truck and train distribution hub at Watkins Glen.

Seneca Lake is the drinking water source for hundreds of thousands of residents in the FLX, and all those tourists too that you hope and encourage to visit.

Thank you for your consideration.

Most Sincerely,

Ms. M. A. Fischette
101 Waterloo St.
Clyde, NY 14433
December 3, 2014

Andrew M. Cuomo, Governor, State of New York
State Capitol
Albany, New York 12224

Dear Governor Cuomo:

Ferrario Auto Team is a multi franchise Auto Dealership group in Elmira, NY. We have over 100 employees. I am writing in support of Crestwood's proposed Finger Lakes LPG Storage Facility (Liquefied Petroleum Gas, commonly known as Propane).

Ferrario is an installation center to upfit trucks for operation on LPG. Each one of those vehicles now produces 90% less CO2 than a gasoline engine equivalent. More important, 90% of LPG is sourced in North America, so these vehicles are running on a domestic fuel.

LPG costs considerably more in NY than in some other areas. That is due to pipeline capacity, which artificially limits the amount of Propane available in Upstate, NY. Since it is not feasible to create a larger pipeline, the solution is to bring LPG to the area and store it so that supplies are plentiful during the heating season. That is Crestwood's proposed LPG storage facility.

If you believe that voters will respond positively to cutting their home heating costs in half, then you should support Crestwood’s proposal. We know how the reduction in CNG costs has reduced heating cost, but CNG is not available at many homes in Upstate NY. Many voters here are still paying a high price to heat their homes with Propane (or even more with oil).

Propane has been stored safely in multiple Upstate locations for more than 60 years. LPG's limited flammability range means it is far safer than gasoline or heating oil.

We ask you to support the Finger Lakes LPG storage project.

Sincerely,

Don Ferrario, President
Ferrario Auto Team
The Honorable Andrew M. Cuomo  
Governor, State of New York  
State Capitol  
Albany, New York 12224

Dear Governor Cuomo:

We distribute propane to more than 200 customers in Maine. As a member of the Propane Gas Association of New England, we are writing to support the proposed LPG storage facility in Reading, New York.

We do not have the ability to import propane by pipeline in Maine, which means our ability to supply propane to our customers is heavily dependent on our ability to obtain propane supplies from Enterprise’s propane terminal in Selkirk, New York or from the three bulk storage facilities in Harford Mills, Watkins Glen or Bath. Enterprise’s reversal of a portion of the pipeline that historically supplied propane to Selkirk, combined with pipeline disruptions and supply constraints that we have long experienced during the winter months, means our need for more propane in the local market is greater than ever.

Crestwood’s proposed storage facility in Schuyler County would make available to the market a significant amount of propane, at several points between Reading and Selkirk due to its planned connection to Enterprise’s pipeline. This means our customers will ultimately pay lower costs because we’ll avoid purchasing and transporting home propane from farther away locations, and our customers will face shorter delays in our ability deliver propane to their homes.

In addition to consumer benefits, additional propane storage capacity makes us less dependent on foreign oil (promoting energy independence) and encourages consumption of clean-burning fuels.

We urge you to support the Finger Lakes LPG Storage Project, which will help propane consumers throughout New York and the Northeast.

Sincerely,

James Enrico  
President Charlie Burnham Energy Service
Commissioner Martens,

I am writing to respectfully ask that your agency reject the permit before your office for the Crestwood Midstream gas storage facility on the west shore of Seneca Lake. Today there are many local teachers (my wife included) blocking the gates of the Crestwood facility because the risks to our children and communities is too great to sit back and watch this go forward.

This facility is a dire threat to the water of Seneca Lake, as salt cavern storage far riskier than other forms of LPG storage and presents the greatest percentage of catastrophic accidents. The residents surrounding the lake that rely on Seneca for their water supply have overwhelmingly rejected this dangerous plan—with over 9 municipalities passing resolutions against it. Lastly, the facility is not compatible with the local economy of wine and tourism, and would deal a blow to those who have worked so hard to make those industries profitable near Seneca Lake.

Please reject the permit that Crestwood has applied for. It is the only sustainable and safe option. Thank you.

Pete Angie (and on behalf of Danielle Angie)
Trumansburg, NY
December 30, 2014

The Honorable Andrew M. Cuomo
Governor of New York State
NYS Capitol Building
Albany, NY 12224

Dear Governor Cuomo,

On the behalf of the more than 400 members, I write to express our support for Crestwood’s proposed Finger Lakes LPG storage project.

Crestwood proposes to utilize existing salt mines to store propane. It is a practice that is done across the country and one that was done at the proposed site until 1984 and are currently being used to house natural gas.

As I understand it, the proposed caverns are close to Enterprise’s existing propane pipeline, Norfolk Southern’s existing rail line, and US Salt’s existing brine lines and salt plant, which means minimal construction will be required for the storage facility. Beyond providing an environmentally-preferred alternative to constructing a “green field” storage project, the site was selected because of sound geology of the Watkins Glen Brine Field and US Salt’s history of propane and natural gas storage operations at the site.

By connecting with the nearby Enterprise pipeline, Crestwood’s storage facility will be able to receive by pipeline propane volumes for storage during the summer months and deliver propane back into the pipeline during the winter months for downstream delivery. This means the propane volumes stored in Crestwood’s facility can be delivered to propane dealers at Enterprise’s Harford Mills terminal and Selkirk terminal, which is the primary supply source for propane dealers serving consumers located in eastern New York.

This project makes great sense for New York on many levels. We sincerely hope that you will support the project and move it forward.

Sincerely,

Brian P. Sampson
President

“Free Enterprise ... The Future of Construction”
December 31, 2014

Andrew M. Cuomo
Governor, State of New York
State Capitol
Albany, New York 12224

Dear Governor Cuomo:

Our family owned and operated business has proudly supplied heating fuel, gasoline and diesel and provided HVAC sales and service to homes and businesses in upstate New York for more than 60 years. We have also delivered motor oils and lubricants from distribution centers in Rensselaer, Canastota, Plattsburgh and Westbury. Headquartered in Rensselaer, NY, we deliver propane to customers throughout the Capital District and neighboring counties. Our company takes great pride in staying up to date with the newest environmental, economic and energy issues, and we support Crestwood’s proposed Finger Lakes LPG Storage Facility.

Since the project’s inception five years ago, the New York State Propane Gas Association has voiced support for the Finger Lakes storage project because it will help protect hundreds of thousands of New Yorkers from winter price spikes and ensure that greater propane supplies are available for consumers during the winter. This past winter was an unnecessarily harsh reminder that our existing propane infrastructure is susceptible to winter disruption. Our state trade association estimates that New Yorkers alone paid more than $100 million of higher costs for propane last winter because propane supplies had to be purchased farther away and transported home by more expensive delivery options. These costs could have been avoided if Crestwood’s storage facility had been operational.

Perhaps unlike our customers and others, propane dealers know that propane has been stored and transported safely in the Finger Lakes since the early 1950s.

As a third-generation family business, we appreciate that our communities need a diverse business community to succeed over the long run. Infrastructure projects like the Finger Lakes storage facility provide significant economic benefits to local communities. They provide tax revenue to fund schools and public services, thus helping communities avoid asking local businesses and residents to pay higher taxes. They also create jobs, both during construction and after completion. In addition, lower energy costs and infrastructure investments are also important to attracting businesses to “The new New York.”

We urge you to support the Finger Lakes LPG storage project.

Sincerely,

Louis Polsinello, Jr.
President & CEO
December 31, 2014

The Honorable Andrew M. Cuomo
Governor of New York State
NYS State Capitol Building
Albany, NY 12224

Dear Governor Cuomo:

I am the owner of RK Howell Gravel Products in Dundee, New York, and I am writing to express my support for the proposed Finger Lakes LPG storage project.

On one hand, gas has been stored around here for decades, so we know this can be done safely and without hurting local tourism. On the other hand, projects like Crestwood’s storage facility are important to the long-term health of our communities. They create full-time jobs filled for local residents. They generate tax revenues that fund our schools and community services and help protect residents and businesses against tax hikes. They lower energy costs, which means families and businesses have more money to spend on other things.

It’s embarrassing that a small group of opponents – most of whom aren’t from around here – choose to ignore the facts and instead believe that Crestwood’s project is inherently bad. That mindset has resulted in a waste of Schuyler County’s limited resources and makes it hard for all of our communities to attract business to upstate New York. You should help upstate communities by putting an end to this silliness and permitting the proposed storage facility.

Sincerely,

Roy K Howell