c) due to the congestion and bottle necks from the volume and frequency of truck traffic mentioned in the original filing with the DEC, a slow but ongoing decrease in tourism to the Seneca Lake area to wineries, NASCAR, the Watkins Glen State Park (now one of the New Yorks most visited parks), and to the beauty of the Seneca Lake itself—all tourist related businesses and local tax revenue will decrease, with the attendant job loss in that sector.

d) an east-west dividing of the Finger Lakes by an industrialized centrally located Seneca Lake would derail all regional economic programs and turn them into incohesive local initiatives. There would be no tourist destination to the Finger Lakes as a Region.

e) since Seneca Lake has the largest number of wineries and since a dominant percentage of their sales come from tourists at the wineries, it is clear that the industrialization brought by the LPG storage will negatively impact the wineries to such an extent that expansion of existing wineries, the attraction of investment in new wineries, and the increase in the quality of wine produced will all decrease…a reversal of the critical mass it has taken decades to achieve.

f) the proposed brine pond(s) are known killers of migratory birds and the light, noise and toxins from the Crestwood operation would negatively impact both local and migratory birds. The impact would extend to bird watchers. The economic loss would be significant:

In a 2014 survey from Wisconsin, “Nationally, there were about 47 million birders, about 20 percent of the population 16 and older, according to the report. They spent an estimated $41 billion on trip related expenditures and equipment, generated a total economic impact of $106 billion, supported 666,000 jobs and generated $13 billion in state and federal tax revenues.”

g) part of the collateral damage of the industrialization of Watkins Glen and Seneca Lake will be its negative impact on tourism to Corning which often couples itself with Watkins Glen and the Finger Lakes as a tourist destination... so the adverse economic impact would extend to the Southern Tier

h) all of the above suggest a large negative impact on real estate values and related tax revenue...probably slowly at first and then increasing as the trend is more widely recognized

If there is a catastrophic event, we can anticipate the following economic effects:

a) most of the above effects happening in the time scale of the event, not slowly and ongoing

b) huge legal expenses by local municipalities and New York State which will be held accountable for allowing such an anticipated catastrophe to happen

c) social media and travel writers steering tourists to other areas, since families and those adults who cherish the Finger Lakes as a safe and beautiful respite from city jobs, as well as foreign visitors to this world-class site will see a big "DANGER—NOT WELCOME" sign

d) since Crestwood has insurance for the millions it plans to invest in its own infrastructure but no insurance (according to its SEC filing) for environmental and social damages due to a catastrophic event, New York State (Not Texas) will have to pick up the sizable tab...where will that money come from?

e) the credibility of the DEC, which manages many economic-related activities, will be seriously undermined for not stopping it's Minerals Division from actively supporting this disaster

There's a substantial yet subtle economic consideration to be made: the huge spike in gas prices overseas has led to a rapid build out of export facilities and a push to store the gas until those export facilities come on line, see for example,

This strongly suggests that the natural gas supply will go to the higher valued export market first with a small amount going to the domestic market (as was done for the manufactured "shortage" in 2013 in the northeast).

The result is a business basic: the gas in the pipelines will return to adequately supply the domestic market only when the domestic prices are raised to be comparable to the export prices minus the export cost. Further, the export costs are reduced once the pipeline and storage infrastructure is built out.

That will be a huge negative economic impact on those individuals and institutions in New York State that heat and cook with propane...and the Crestwood LPG storage at Lake Seneca would be a major player in implementing what amounts to coercion: they will claim a propane shortage if the storage permit is denied!!

Therefore, I request that you deny the Crestwood Midstream storage of LPG in the salt caverns at Seneca Lake. Your vision should prevail, not Crestwood's irresponsible bottom-line-only vision.

Respectfully,

Ross M. Horowitz

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CC: Hon. Joseph J. Martens
Commissioner
New York State Department of Environmental Conservation
625 Broadway
Albany, NY 12231-1010
February 19, 2015

Joseph Martens, Commissioner
NYS Department of Environmental Conservation
625 Broadway
Albany, NY 12233

Dear Commissioner Martens:

I write today in support of the Finger Lakes LPG Storage Project, currently under review by the Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC). I know the process is ongoing, and that in November your agency released draft permit conditions for this project. I respectfully ask that you continue this momentum moving forward to ensure that this project is undertaken in a timely manner as you move forward with the issues conference.

As you are fully aware, this multi-million dollar project will bring needed economic vitality to the area, but more importantly help provide New Yorkers with safe, cheap, clean LPG. The Finger Lakes liquefied propane gas storage facility will alleviate the strain on supplies that have caused propane prices to rise significantly for New York residents and businesses.

As a member of the Senate Committee on Environmental Conservation I have confidence that the project will not pose any significant environmental risks and applaud the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation for a thorough review.

I strongly believe you have the Department moving in the right direction on this project, I would ask that as the process moves forward you work with the applicant to ensure that this project is undertaken. I appreciate you taking the time to consider my support for this project, please let me know if there is anything further that I can do to support this worthwhile project.

Sincerely,

Robert G. Ortt
Senator, 62nd District
RE: Please stop the proposed LPG facility on Seneca Lake

Dear Gov. Cuomo,

On February 12, I attended the DEC issues conference held in Horseheads, NY on the above-referenced matter, to which my village of Watkins Glen is a party in opposition. Never before having witnessed this type of proceeding, I was shocked and angered by what I saw. I expected the applicant, Crestwood (under its various corporate aliases used to avoid accountability), to face off before the DEC judge against the coalition of local community, business and non-profit groups opposing the project. What I did not expect to see was the DEC legal team itself appear as a biased party, passing notes to the applicant’s attorneys and echoing their arguments. What kind of judicial proceeding is that? The words “show trial” — and other terms too rude to use in a letter to the governor — come to mind.

Sir, I implore you to take action and deny the permit. We in the Finger Lakes do not wish to be “the gas storage and distribution hub of the Northeast.”

Over the course of the past few decades, the people of the area have collectively charted our destiny, sharing a vision that crosses party lines. We love our lakes and our friendly communities, our clean environment, our family farms and vineyards, and have pursued a successful economic strategy designed to preserve the beauty of our home that is beyond price. Crestwood’s facility threatens this symbiosis of land and people with irreparable harms: salinizing and polluting Seneca and Cayuga Lakes, exposing us to deadly spills, fires and explosions, and otherwise marring the charm on which our tourism industry depends.

What does it mean to say we live in a democracy if communities’ visions for themselves are overridden in the interest of a corporation’s profit? That’s what this is about — the land and people of the Finger Lakes versus Crestwood-Midstream’s profits. A look at the parties for and against at the DEC hearing will prove the accuracy of my statement:

PARTIES APPEARING AGAINST:

- The Seneca Lake Communities: Municipalities of Seneca County, Yates County, the Town of Fayette, the Town of Geneva, the Town of Ithaca, the Town
of Romulus, the Town of Starkey, the Town of Ulysses, the Town of Waterloo, the City of Geneva, the Village of Watkins Glen, and the Village of Waterloo

- **Michael Lausell and Van A. Harp:** Legislators of Schuyler County as individuals
- **Gas Free Seneca:** a community group representing thousands of area residents and several hundred local businesses
- **The Seneca Lake Pure Waters Association:** a non-profit environmental watchdog
- **The Finger Lakes Wine Business Coalition:** 160 wineries and related businesses

**PARTIES SUPPORTING THE APPLICANT**

- **New York LPG Association**
- **The Propane Gas Association of New England**
- **The United Steel Workers International Union**

Additionally, more than one thousand people have already signed a pledge to engage in non-violent civil disobedience to protect Seneca Lake by stopping the Crestwood project. So far, there have been over two hundred arrests, including my own so I know the difference between talk and action. Governor Cuomo, please do not fail us.

Sincerely,

Lyn Garry
212 N. Jackson St.
Watkins Glen, NY 14891

Cc: The Watkins Glen Village Board
DEC Commissioner Joseph Martens
Sterling, Jodi A (DEC)

From: Eileen Moreland <eileen.moreland@yahoo.com>
Sent: Friday, February 27, 2015 3:25 PM
To: dec.sm.Commissioner
Subject: Gas Storage at Watkins Glen

Date of Correspondence 02/27/15

Eileen Moreland
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Dresden NY, 14441

Email:eileen.moreland@yahoo.com
Email received from Website:
If the DEC approves of Crestwood's plan for Watkins Glen, it will destroy the area as it is today. There are so many negatives and possible threats to our environment. The only positive is for Crestwood and the community deserves the right to make the decision and send Crestwood back to Texas where they belong.
March, 2015

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Name  KIVA WY ANDOTTE
Address  165 Hauge St
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To whom it may concern:

Please find enclosed Certified Resolution No. 69-15 regarding Cayuga County concerns over proposed LPG Storage Project in the Seneca Lake Watershed. The resolution was approved during the Cayuga County Legislature Meeting on Tuesday, February 24, 2015. If you have any questions regarding this resolution, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

Amanda K. Morgan
Deputy Clerk, Cayuga County Legislature
Email: amorgan@cayugacounty.us
Phone: (315) 253-1308
RESOLUTION NO. 69-15 2-24-15
LEG OpposeLPGStorageSenecaLake

Cayuga County Concerns over Proposed LPG Storage Project in the Seneca Lake Watershed.

BY: Cayuga County Legislature

WHEREAS, the Cayuga County Legislature recognizes the importance of Seneca Lake to the State and to the local community as a drinking water source, for recreation, as a natural habitat, and in supporting the thriving tourism economy of the Finger Lakes Region; and

WHEREAS, Crestwood has proposed a large scale liquefied petroleum gas (LPG) storage facility adjacent to and beneath Seneca Lake; and

WHEREAS, said project would involve storage of LPG in caverns created by the solution mining of salt deposits below and adjacent to Seneca Lake, and movement and surface storage of salt water displaced from said caverns as LPG is pumped into and out of said caverns; and

WHEREAS, the Cayuga County Legislature is deeply concerned with the potential for dramatic and catastrophic environmental impacts from this project due to:
1. The uncertain geologic stability of the subterranean caverns, and the risk that such caverns could be compromised by even low level earthquakes that are common in this region of New York State.
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3. The threat of discharge of large amounts of salt water as it is being moved between subterranean caverns and surface storage facilities during the course of operations.
4. The threat of LPG seepage from said subterranean caverns; and

RESOLVED, that the Cayuga County Legislature joins Senator Michael Nozzolio in respectfully requesting that the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation withhold approval of any plan for mass storage of LPG adjacent to or under Seneca Lake and exercise its power in assisting in determining a more appropriate location for any such storage site; and further

RESOLVED, that certified copies of this resolution be sent to Senator Michael Nozzolio, Senator John DeFransisco, Senator James Seward, Assemblymen Gary Finch and Robert Oaks, Assembly Minority Leader Brian Kolb, the Commissioner of the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation, Joseph Martens, Director, 625 Broadway, Albany, NY 12233-1011, the Permit Administrator for Region 8 of the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation, 6274 East Avon-Lima Road, Avon, NY 14414; Seneca County Board of Supervisors, Schuyler County Legislature, Ontario County Legislature, Yates County Legislature, Senator Charles Schumer, Senator Kirsten Gillibrand, Assemblyman Philip Pahnesano, Senator Thomas O'Mara, Congressman Thomas Reed, and Governor Andrew Cuomo.

I HEREBY CERTIFY, THAT I HAVE COMPARED THE FOREGOING COPY OF A RESOLUTION DULY PASSED AND ADOPTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF CAYUGA COUNTY AT A MEETING HELD ON THE 24th DAY OF FEBRUARY 2015 WITH THE ORIGINAL RESOLUTION, AND THAT THE SAME IS A TRUE AND CORRECT COPY AND TRANSCRIPT THEREOF, AND THE WHOLE THEREOF.

CLERK, CA YUGA COUNTY LEGISLATURE

2-25-15 8:50AM
Dear DEC Commissioner Martens,

We call for New York’s Department of Environmental Conservation to reject Inergy Midstream’s (now Crestwood) proposal to store Liquefied Petroleum Gas and expand natural gas storage at facilities on the shore of Seneca Lake in Reading, NY. The proposals threaten the health and well-being of residents throughout the region. Specifically:

- There has been almost no documentation of the project’s safety. Namely Inergy Midstream (now Crestwood) has failed to show that the toxic contents of the cavern will not migrate into groundwater into Seneca Lake — a drinking water source for more than 100,000 people.
- The facility will release toxic air pollution, as will emissions from diesel trucks, putting the health of nearby residents at risk.
- Similar facilities have seen catastrophic accidents including storage cavern collapses and explosions such as in Hutchinson, KS and Mont Belvieu, TX.
- Accidents, explosions, spills, and other issues would pose devastating impacts to the region as a whole.
- The facility and associated heavy industrial activity will undermine our region’s tourism-based economy and property values.
- Inergy Midstream (now Crestwood) has a history of water quality violations at the site and has already had two brine spills.
- Inergy Midstream (now Crestwood) has performed grossly inadequate scientific reviews, and has refused to make public a critical study of the project’s safety.

These proposed projects threaten to jeopardize one of the largest sources of freshwater in the United States, threaten the health of countless residents, and threaten to devastate the vitality of the entire region. We stand with our NYS Senator Michael Nozzollo who has stated these risks in his letter to you. Commissioner Martens, do not put our homes, families, local economy, and one of our most treasured natural environments at risk. As a lifelong steward of New York and open spaces, do not jeopardize the destruction of Seneca Lake on your watch. Please protect us from this negligent corporation. Generation of New Yorkers will thank you for it.

Teresa Paz

Commissioner Phone: 518-452-8545
Fax: 518-452-8541
Commission Joseph Martens  
NYS Department of Environmental Conservation  
625 Broadway  
Albany, New York 12233-0001  

Dear Commissioner Martens: 

I am the owner of Vantage Equipment, a supplier of heavy equipment and material handling equipment to government, business, agriculture and contractors all over New York State. As you know, the economy of Upstate New York has continued to lag behind the rest of the country. Especially hard hit are the manufacturing and constructions sectors in the Southern Tier region. We have seen companies leave Upstate for many reasons, including the high cost of fuel and lack of new growth opportunities.

We strongly believe that projects such as the Finger Lakes LPG Storage Facility in Reading, New York will provide significant benefits to agriculture and industry our New York. The history of underground storage of LPG is a safe one compared to alternatives and will directly benefit the State through taxes and and fees earned.

We hope this project receives a speedy approval from your Department.

Sincerely,

John C. Hession  
President  

cc State Senator John DeFrancisco  
State Assemblyman Will Barclay
March 13, 2015

SENT VIA ELECTRONIC TRANSMITTAL WITH HARD COPY TO FOLLOW

Judith A. Enck,
Administrator
Region 2, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
290 Broadway
New York, NY 10007-1866

Re: Arlington Storage Project, FERC Docket CP13-83
Finger Lakes LPG Storage Project, NYS DEC

Dear Administrator Enck,

Seneca Lake provides drinking water for nearly 100,000 people living in multiple counties within the central Finger Lakes region of New York. In light of new information about possible risks to this source of drinking water, we write with serious concerns regarding the proposed expansion of salt cavern storage of natural gas (NG) on the shores of Seneca Lake.

These alarming data and unresolved questions, we believe, need careful examination and investigation under the Safe Drinking Water Act and Clean Water Act. Hence, we ask that you review this information and respond as to whether or not it will negatively impact water quality or raise risks for negative impacts. Further, we ask that the EPA request the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry and the U.S. Geological Survey to closely examine the independent science surrounding the proposed project.

As you know, a proposal by Arlington Storage Company, LLC, to expand NG storage from 1.5 to 2.0 billion cubic feet in abandoned lakeside salt caverns was approved last May by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) even though an Environmental Impact Statement for the project was not drafted, and even though the comments submitted by your agency did not address any water quality issues. On its website, Arlington’s parent company, Crestwood, states that it possesses 40 million barrels of cavern space available for “energy” storage.

Background

Arlington Storage Company, LLC, is wholly owned by Houston-based Crestwood Equity Partners, LP (Crestwood). Crestwood also owns a century-old salt refinery, which was purchased in 1998 by its subsidiary, US Salt, LLC. US Salt and Arlington are co-located on the west shore of Seneca Lake, about two miles north of Watkins Glen.

Over the past 122 years, more than 90 salt caverns have been hollowed out by solution mining on this west shore area, at depths of greater than 500 feet below the lakebed.

Solution mining involves repeatedly injecting water through wells drilled into salt formations in order to dissolve them. The resulting brine is then pumped out, and the salt captured through evaporation and recrystallization. Over time, the drilled wells, at their terminus, become caverns.

Two caverns targeted by Crestwood for expanded NG storage—collectively known as Gallery Two—are a half-century old and previously served as a storage depot for LPG from 1964 to 1984. These two caverns were connected, via hydraulic fracturing, in order to create a pathway for the injection of freshwater into one well and withdrawal of brine from the other. At some point during the 1960s, a 400,000-ton slab of rock fell from the roof to the floor of one of these paired caverns.

The inner surfaces of these caverns are not solid salt, but rather consist of layers of salt alternating (interbedded) with layers of shale and dolomite. In true salt domes used for gas storage, the salt serves as both a structure and a self-sealing permeability barrier. By contrast, the Seneca Lake caverns are salt-rock hybrids.

A proposal by another Crestwood subsidiary, Finger Lakes LPG Storage, LLC, seeks to store propane and butane (liquefied petroleum gases or LPG) in nearby salt caverns in the same brine field. The LPG proposal is the subject of a NYS Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) Issues Conference that began on February 12, 2015.

Our Concerns

Although we also have grave concerns about the LPG project—as propane and butane storage in caverns with folded and faulted interbedded salt strata carries many of the same risks as NG storage—this letter focuses on the risks of natural gas storage.

Reports written and submitted as expert testimony on LPG storage for the DEC Issues Conference have brought forward evidence and raise serious questions relevant to potential risks to drinking water from expanded NG storage. In some cases, these and other documents now available to the DEC were not available to FERC during its own

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