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TO: Henry Gajda, Chief of Staff, NJDEP
Jennifer L. Moriarty, Assistant Commissioner, Watershed & Land Management

FROM: Randy D. Bearce, Manager, Bureau of Tidelands Management

DATE: 6/3/2026

SUBJECT: Minutes of the Tidelands Resource Council Meeting on May 6, 2026.

As provided in the Administrative Order 2026-01 dated January 23, 2026, continuing all existing Administrative Orders and designations, as Assistant Commissioner Jennifer Moriarty is delegated authority to approve and sign riparian grants, riparian leases, and the minutes of the Council.

As provided in a Memorandum dated February 19, 2026, the Commissioner delegated all authority concerning the Transco Northeast Supply Enhancement Project (Transco NESE) to Deputy Commissioner Joseph Seebode, and in a Memorandum dated March 31, 2026, Deputy Commissioner Seebode delegated his authority concerning Transco NESE to Chief of Staff Henry Gajda.

Attached for review and approval are the minutes of the Tidelands Resource Council Meeting of May 6, 2026 that were approved by the Council at the June 3, 2026 meeting. We recommend Chief of Staff Gajda's approval of the minutes and consequently approval of all actions taken by the Council, except that we recommend Assistant Commissioner Moriarty's approval of the minutes of the Council as to the approval of the April 23, 2026 TRC meeting minutes (approved at the May 6, 2026 meeting and not pertaining to Transco NESE).

If you agree, you may sign the last page of these minutes and have them returned to the Bureau of Tidelands Management.

MINUTES

TIDELANDS RESOURCE COUNCIL DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION MEETING OF MAY 6, 2026

COUNCILMEMBERS PRESENT¹ :

Mary Pat Robbie, Chairperson
Thomas Voltaggio, Vice Chairperson
Zoe Baldwin
Stuart Challoner²
Edward (Ned) Gaine
Joseph Grabas
Andrew Raichle

ABSENT:

Ed (Skip) Harrison
Lori Hohenleitner
Martha Maxwell-Doyle
Anjuli Ramos

ALSO PRESENT:

Nicolas Seminoff, DAG to Council
Johnathan Allen, DAG to Council

Bureau of Tidelands Management and other DEP staff:

Randy Bearce, Manager
Henry Gajda, Chief of Staff
Robert Schuster, Director
Peter DeMeo, Assistant Director
Melissa Miller, Martin Mosen, Kelly DeMilio, Kristina Kravit, Jennifer Desmond, Anthony Deon, Danielle Fischer, Emma Cusano, Danielle Ronquillo, Nishika D'Souza, Eva Tillett, Jaelyn Bernstein, Marila Xie, Natasha Boyd, Christina Albizati, Mike Cuccia, Matthew Lashendock, Bhavya Yampati, Gloria Toleno, Jasmine Flanders, Nicola Fiorey.

¹ Note: There are currently only 11 members on the Council; therefore, a total of at least 6 votes is required for a quorum and approval on an action. There were enough members and votes for a quorum for this meeting.

² Arrived late, was not present and did not vote for approval of the April 23, 2026 minutes, but was present for the full Transco matter.



Members of the public:

Dan Greenhouse, Zachary Klein, Ken Dolsky, Cindy Zipf, Diane Heyer, Susan Mikaitis, Elizabeth Roedell, Christopher LaMonica, Andrew Provence, Evan Leong, Richard Scott, Barbara Cuthbert, Madison Wurst, Kevin Corcoran, Christine Roy, Rita (guest), Jessie Lindsay, Rhianna Bozzi, Kin Gee, Jane Fasulo, Taylor McFarland, Paige Pinckney, Steve Machalaba, Jill Aquino, Patty Cronheim, JK Canepa, Erika Attanasio, Suzanne Golas, Conor Lyman, Suzanne (Guest), Tom Irving, Nancy Griffeth, Amie Kalac, Pablo Salazar, Sabeen Masih, Greg Remaud, Jasmine Metellus, Charlie Kratovil, Mona Zhang, James Stuart, Larry Shapiro, Linda Powell, Andrea (Guest), Celeste (Guest), Sophie Nieto-Munoz, Milena Bimpong, Stephen Miller, Donna Lisi, Nidhi Kulkarni, Richard Jones, David Temple, Matt Hartman, Kaila SBU, Jane Califf, Alissa Pecora, Virginia Wardell, Facundo Moreno, Allison McLeod, Linda Garfinkel, Dennis Hart, Edyta Salata, Francesca Ciliberti Ayres, Carolyn Jones, Steven MacLeod, Paula Rogovin, Lois (Guest), Nicholas Stalneck, Joan Nemeth, Don Greenberg, Michael Atchie, Stephen Kellogg, Linda Stehlik, Tim Powell, Sue (Guest), Cheryl (Guest), Tom Koster, Kristine Gunningham, Mike (Guest), Kirk Frost, Jay Weisbond, Donald Wolfe, Michelle (Guest), Steve (Guest), JT (Guest), Suzy Brindley, Andrea Rojas, Harsh Bhargava, Steven Mitchell, Akhtab Mujahid, Jesse Sutherland, Anthony Antonucci, Kathryn Fisher, Marina Romo, Frank Ogrodowski, Kip Cherry, Javier Perez, Joseph Smugeresky, Kirsty Cronin, John (Guest), Neil (Guest), David Usechak, Lilly (Guest), Capt. Paul Eidman, Teresa Anderson, Kate Wister, Ray Cantor, Kyle (Guest), Terrence Thompson, William (Guest), Matthew Smith, Scarlett Knight, Lucia Middleton, Matt Garrido, Ruth Darlington, Alexandra Horn, Blake Clements, M. Little, Anthony (Guest), Nicole (Guest), Joseph Dean, Susan Nowelsky, Anshul Gupta, Patrick McClusky, Audrey (Guest), Stephanie (Guest), Sharon (Guest), Andy Yesaitis, Mitchell Heisler, Eric L., Dan Merz, Dana DiFilippo, Eileen Eisenberg, Brian Toro, JJ (Guest), Jackie Greger, Maegan Kuhlmann, Jordan Viana, David Pringle, Kari Martin, Anthony Campisi, Trey Barrow, David (Guest), S. Knight, E. (Guest), K. (Guest), Rita (Guest), Knight (Guest), Randy (Guest), 2 Guests on the Website, and 38 Unidentified Call-ins.

APPROVAL OF THE APRIL 23, 2026 TIDELANDS RESOURCE COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES (May 6, calendar):

A motion by Councilmember Voltaggio, seconded by Councilmember Gaine, passed by a vote of 6-0 to approve the April 23, 2026 minutes. Councilmember Challoner was not present for this vote.



FILE:

1219-25-0004.1 TDI250001

APPLICANT: Transcontinental Gas Pipe Line Company
PURPOSE OF APPLICATION: Utility License
May 6, 2026 Calendar

PROPERTY LOCATION: WATERWAY: Cheesequake Creek Tributary & Raritan Bay

LOT(S): N/A **BLOCK(S):** N/A
MUNICIPALITY: Sayreville Borough **COUNTY:** Middlesex
TOTAL AREA OF APPLICANT'S PARCEL: N/A

AREA CLAIMED BY STATE: 93,894 sq. ft.
FORMERLY FLOWED: 95 sq. ft.
CURRENTLY FLOWED: 93,799 sq. ft.

TIDELANDS MAP:	SOURCE:	ADOPTED:	REMNANTS:
#588-2106	1977 PAN	5/27/ 1982	N/A
#588-2112	1977 EPI-IRC, Current Scene	5/27/82	N/A
#595-2112	1977 EPI-IRC, Current Scene	5/27/82	N/A

COST OF LICENSE: \$14,084.00 for year 1 with a 2.5% increase per year

Transco is seeking a new Tidelands Utility License for portions of its Northeast Supply Enhancement Project that are located within NJ tidelands. This is for the construction of a new 26" diameter gas pipeline. A small portion of the pipeline will cross underground where a few formerly flowed mapped claimed streams were located, and one crossing of a current creek (Cheesequake Creek Tributary), then cross into the Raritan Bay at Sayreville adjacent to where an existing gas line installed in the 1960s is located. That existing pipeline received a Tidelands one-fee license in 1967 and was installed in 1968. For the new pipeline, only portions of the Raritan Bay Loop will be located in New Jersey Waters. The total linear feet of the Raritan Bay Loop in NJ is 32,701 feet. From the Sayreville shoreline, the proposed pipeline runs 10,696.78 feet to the NJ/NY state line. The pipeline then dips back into NJ waters north of Sandy Hook and then runs for another 22,0003.93 feet in NJ and then back into NY waters. There is also a cathode protection line (CP Loop) that helps prevent corrosion that extends approximately 1,800 linear feet into the bay. The Tidelands license fee applied to those portions of the pipeline that crosses claimed and/or currently flowed tidelands based on the total area of the structure which includes the 26" diameter pipe, and any concrete casing or other structure(s) that make up the utility line. Slides were shown of the pipeline route.

The total square footage for the structures to occupy tidelands is listed at the top and the price calculation is based on the square footage multiplied by the current rate or base fee of \$0.15 sq. ft. utility fee in 2026 established in the current TRC utility policy. There is a 2.5% inflator increase applied against the base rate so the cost of the license will increase accordingly with the increase in the base rate. The license fee will begin at \$14,084.00 per year and increase overtime. The current utility license policy is for a 24-year license term period.



Overall, the project will expand the existing interstate natural gas pipeline system in Pennsylvania and NJ and the existing offshore natural gas pipeline system in NJ and NY waters. Areas of the pipeline intersecting with tidelands will include 3 “Loop” portions: The Madison Loop runs through the uplands which only crosses approximately 44 linear feet of tidelands claimed streams as it nears the Raritan Bay. The Raritan Bay Loop which runs offshore from Sayreville but only a portion of the line will run through NJ waters as noted above; and the Cathodic Protection (“CP”) power cable is 1,831 feet long and is associated with the Raritan Bay Loop. According to the applicant this is for expanded capacity for the national grid.

The project has received a NJDEP Land Use permit under file #0000-25-0012.1 LUP250001, approved on November 7, 2025. A copy of the permit and environmental report have been provided to the Councilmembers. The line running through the bay was laid out to avoid environmental impacts and/or avoid contamination sites.

All upland owner permissions where the pipeline crosses over State owned Tidelands have been received.

In a portion of the Raritan Bay Loop, the proposed pipeline will cross an existing cable, the Neptune Regional Transmission Cable. There are two proposed scenarios for the crossing – a shallow crossing and a deep crossing. The final placement for the proposed Transco pipeline will be determined based on the depth of the Neptune Cable. Both crossing options are approved under the issued permit #0000-25-0012.1 LUP250001.

This Tidelands Utility License is being processed based on the square footage of the license area for the shallow crossing scenario, where a larger square footage will be required due to the placement of additional concrete mattresses needed to protect the pipeline at this shallower crossing depth. If it is determined that the deep crossing (which is preferred by the applicant) is possible, the total license area would be reduced from 93,894 sq. ft. to 83,865 sq. ft. due to the smaller overall size of concrete mattresses needed. The license will include a condition for a post-construction plan to identify which crossing was utilized and what the final square footage is. The license fee can be amended in future years if the overall square footage of the license area is lower based on the post construction information.

This license will also include a condition that the issuance of the license does not give the right to exclude other future crossing of the pipeline, provided those lines received all necessary approvals.

It was noted that there are people from the public who wished to comment on the application and the Council has been provided additional background materials³.

This project has all the necessary regulatory approvals including the DEP land use permits as well as the federal approvals such as FERC approval and therefore it meets the environmental regulatory standards. The license also complies with the Council’s Utility or Utility Related Projects policy (Adopted 10/06/10) which is posted on the Tidelands website under the Forms and Documents page at <https://dep.nj.gov/wlm/forms/#tdl> .

³ This case was originally on the agenda for the April 1, 2026, TRC meeting which was cancelled. Prior to that meeting there was a public comment period where comments were received via email. The Council was provided with those comments. There was also a list of people from the public who previously indicated they wished to speak during the meeting to provide comment. The commentators included objectors and supporters of the project.



STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Based on the fact that it has the necessary regulatory permit approvals and follows the current Council policy, staff recommended approving a 24-year Utility License for a consideration of \$14,084.00 for the first year with a 2.5% increase applied to the based rate (as provided on the TRC's website), based on the shallow crossing scenario. The license will include a condition that it can be amended if the deep crossing is utilized and the overall license square footage is decreased.

After the staff's summary presentation of the project description, Council Chairperson Robbie asked if there were any questions or comments from the Council. Councilmember Raichle commented that the license should include a condition to remove the pipeline if they do not build the project or cease using it, and it should also require an as-built plan. Manager Bearce noted that there are standard conditions for removal of structures if they cease being licensed, but that the license can include special language that would satisfy the Council's concerns for this project. Councilmember Gaine had a question about the existing pipeline (built in the 1960s) vs the route of this new proposed pipeline, commenting that the older pipeline ran in a straighter more direct path and why this new pipeline was more circuitous.

The applicant's representatives, including their agent, Richard Scott, Esq. and project director Stephen Kellogg, responded that new route was selected as part of the alternative analysis with oversight from the various regulatory agencies to choose the best route to limit environmental impacts, anchorage areas, and cross the Ambrose Channel at a desired location due to the dynamic conditions of the bay. Councilmember Gaine also asked about the depths of the pipeline, particularly the shallower crossing vs the deeper crossing of the Neptune cable which was answered by Richard Scott.

Councilmember Raichle suggested conditions for reporting requirements for the status of the pipeline, that the Council be provided with copies of any regulatory required reporting information such as inspection reports with a consideration that some information may be non-public for safety or security reasons.

Chairperson Robbie then asked if the applicant wished to speak. Agent Scott provided a short summary about Transco corporation, other pipelines in NJ, and this project, noting that it has all the necessary regulatory approvals, meets the required safety standards, and complies with the State's coastal zone management rules and request Council approve the license.

Chairperson Robbie then noted that there are many people wishing to speak and set ground rules because of the number of speakers. Each speaker would be limited to three (3) minutes to comment. A list of known speakers was already generated and posted in the slide presentation. Those not already on the list but wishing to speak could sign up by adding their names to the chat in Teams. Bureau staff would call out the names of the speakers in order and monitor their time. The objector's comments ranged from claims about general overall impacts, impacts to the marine environment, impacts to water quality, impacts during construction, impacts in the uplands including the compressor station, the project was not needed, and the project will not benefit the public. Two speakers commented in support of the project on behalf of the business and industry groups the speakers represented. This is not an exhaustive list of the comments received, see the meeting transcripts for details.

The following people spoke in the order listed below:⁴

⁴ There was a list of speakers with their names presented on a slide. These were people who indicated they wished to speak in advance of the April 1, 2026, meeting that was cancelled. The names on the list for numbers 5 – 22 were names provided by Clean Ocean Action prior to the April 1 meeting. All the names on the list were called but several of the people on the list did not appear at the May 6 meeting. The rest of the people in attendance were



1. Daniel Greenhouse, Senior Staff Attorney, from the Eastern Environmental Law Center, on behalf Food & Water Watch, Sierra Club, New Jersey League of Conservation Voters Education Fund, NY/NJ Baykeeper, Princeton Manor Homeowners Association, and Central Jersey Safe Energy Coalition. He stated that they submitted written comments including letters dated August 15 and September 25, 2025⁵. Greenhouse said there is pending litigation in opposition to the project and objected to the project.
2. Next staff called on Honorable Philip Kramer, Mayor of Franklin Township, who was second on the list from the cancelled April 1 meeting. However, he was not present.
3. Cindy Zipf, Clean Ocean Action, Executive Director – objected to the project.
4. Madison Wurst, Clean Ocean Action - objected to the project.
5. Taylor McFarland, NJ Sierra Club, conservation program manager – objected to the project.
6. Rachel Dawn Davis, Waterspirit - objected to the project.
7. Next staff called on Matt Gove, Surfrider Foundation who was on the list provided by Clean Ocean Action from the cancelled April 1 meeting – not present.
8. Rupali Chakravati, Princeton Manor who was on the list provided by Clean Ocean Action from the cancelled April 1 meeting - not present.
9. Carol Kuehn, resident Franklin Twp - objected to the project
10. Leslie Mangold, Save the Whales who was on the list provided by Clean Ocean Action from the cancelled April 1 meeting – not present
11. Donna Player, Resident who was on the list provided by Clean Ocean Action from the cancelled April 1 meeting – not present.
12. Greg Remaud, NY/NJ Baykeeper - objected to the project.
13. Susan Mikaits, Resident, Atlantic Highlands - objected to the project.
14. Kip Cherry, Resident, Conservation Chair for the Central Group of the Sierra Club, New Jersey - objected to the project.
15. Danielle McCulloch, American Littoral Society who was on the list provided by Clean Ocean Action from the cancelled April 1 meeting – not present.
16. Charlie Kratovil, Food and Water Watch - objected to the project.
17. Linda Powell, Resident - objected to the project.
18. Patty Cronheim, ReThink Energy NJ - objected to the project.
19. Milena Bimpong, New Jersey League of Conservation Voters - objected to the project.
20. Diane Heyer, Resident, High Gate Manor - objected to the project.
21. Jenna Reynolds, Save Coastal Wildlife who was on the list provided by Clean Ocean Action from the cancelled April 1 meeting – not present.
22. Louise Usechak, League of Women Voters - objected to the project.
23. Andrew J. Provence, NJ resident and environmental attorney - objected to the project.

instructed during the meeting that if they wished to speak to add their names to the chat in Teams and they would be called on in order. Updated slides were provided during the meeting with a running tally of the list of names so that people would know the order and where they were on the list. The names and titles were provided by the speakers.

⁵ These letters were provided to the TRC in advance of the meeting.



24. Kristine Gunningham, resident - objected to the project.
25. Allison McLeod, NJ League of Conservation Voters - objected to the project.
26. Celeste Racano - objected to the project.
27. Kirk Frost – objected to the project.
28. Nidhi Kulkarni, Middlesex County resident - objected to the project.
29. Ray Cantor, New Jersey Business and Industry Association (NJBIA) – commented in support of the project on behalf of the NJBIA.
30. Judith Canepa, Vet board member and Energy Conservation Committee Chair in New York City – objected to the project.
31. Dennis Hart, Executive Director of the Chemistry Council of New Jersey - commented in support of the project on behalf of the manufacturers he represents.
32. Jill Aquino, Sussex County resident and nurse - objected to the project.
33. Jessie Lindsay - objected to the project.
34. Kin Gee, president of the grassroots group called CHARGE, Consumers Helping Affect Regulation of Gas and Electric - objected to the project.
35. Paige Pinckney, New York resident - objected to the project.
36. Richard Jones, Highlands, New Jersey resident - objected to the project.
37. Don Greenberg, Bradley Beach, New Jersey resident, and the at-large chair of the Surfrider Foundation - objected to the project.
38. Harsh Bhargava - objected to the project.
39. Anshul Gupta, NJ resident and Policy and Research Director for New York Research Clean Power Organization Energy Solutions - objected to the project.
40. Paula Rogovin, Food and Water Watch - objected to the project.
41. Stephanie Startz, resident of Hudson County - objected to the project.
42. Ken Dolsky, Empower New Jersey, chair of the Best New Jersey and vice president of New Jersey Forest Watch - objected to the project
43. Steven Mitchell, Somerville, Somerset County resident - objected to the project.
44. Pablo Salazar, Mercer County resident and college student - objected to the project.
45. John Conklin, Borough Council President, Rumson, NJ - objected to the project.
46. Dr. Donna Lisi, clinical pharmacist, Franklin Township, Somerset County resident, and chair of the Franklin Township Board of Health Advisory Council - objected to the project.
47. Elizabeth Roedell, South Brunswick resident - objected to the project.
48. Jane Califf, secretary of 350 NJ Rockland in NY - objected to the project.
49. Virginia Wardell, Policy Director of Climate Revolution Action Network - objected to the project.
50. Donald Wolfe, NJ resident - objected to the project.
51. Eileen Eisenberg, NJ resident - objected to the project.
52. Scarlett Knight, NJ resident, high school student - objected to the project.

That concluded the public speakers.



During the public comments, Councilmember Baldwin commented that it would be helpful if Council received further guidance on the TRC's authority and decision-making process. After the last speaker, Council Chairperson Robbie made a motion that they go into executive session before further discussion about this matter, to seek further guidance and legal advice from the Council's Deputy Attorney General (DAG) because there were comments or questions from Council about their authority and questions about potential litigation.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The motion by Councilmember Robbie, seconded by Councilmember Baldwin to go into executive session.

Before going into executive session, DAG Seminoff read the following statement:

The Council has voted to go into executive session so that I, Nicholas Semenoff, the Deputy Attorney General advising the Council, can provide legal advice to them. The Open Public Meetings Act provides that a public body such as the Tidelands Resource Council may meet in closed executive session to discuss any pending or anticipated litigation in which the public body is or may become a party. Whereas the Tidelands Resource Council desires to retire to closed session to discuss attorney-client privilege issues related to anticipated litigation related to the Transco gas pipeline application. Now, therefore, be it resolved that the Tidelands Resource Council shall at this time meet in closed session to discuss the above-mentioned matter. The substance of the closed session will be disclosed publicly only when the threat of litigation is passed or when such release would not breach an attorney-client privilege.

END EXECUTIVE SESSION

Upon returning to the regular meeting, Council Chairperson Robbie stated that Councilmembers have questions for the applicant. Councilmember Grabas asked if Transco has ever done horizontal directional drilling (HDD) before. Richard Scott and Stephen Kellogg representing Transco responded that they have done both in-water and shore to water drills successfully. Grabas asked about the core treatment to test the pipeline when it is installed, the pipeline run through the Raritan Bay slag superfund site, and the resuspension of sediments during construction. The applicant's representatives including Richard Scott and Steven MacLeod, environmental consultant, responded that the core treat is approved and will not harm the environment, and that the pipeline will cross the slag site by HDD about 90 feet below the bottom of the bay.

Councilmember Grabas made a motion to approve the staff's recommendation and approve the issuance of the license but with the proviso that it is limited to seven (7) years, after which it would be reviewed again for renewal, and the conditions recommended and concurred by Councilmember's Raichle and Gaine; to provide as-built drawings once constructed, provide the Council with copies of any regulatory required inspection reports related to the pipe integrity, and that if the pipeline is abandoned it be removed and restored to the previous condition.



Councilmember Grabas also stated that the TRC approval concerns the application for a license, which is a type of land transaction, noting that the required land use permits and approvals have already been issued and that the TRC members are relying upon the work of the DEP, FERC, and other regulatory agencies in making their decision. That the Council reviewed the information provided, the comments received, and that the vote is based on the various permit approvals, and the Council's established policies.

The applicant's agent Scott accepted the conditions but asked the reason for a 7-year license rather than a 24-year license which is the standard utility license term according to the current policy, noting the existing pipeline in the bay has been there since 1968, and the commitment for the grid is to maintain the pipeline and service or at least 20 years. Council Chairperson Robbie stated that the 7-year term would give the Council the opportunity to review the project in 7 years in the event there are changes to the current utility policy.

Therefore, a motion by Councilmember Grabas, seconded by Councilmember Voltaggio, passed by a vote of 7-0 to approve a 7-year utility license for the project based on the fee and with the conditions as noted above.

That concluded this calendar.

Adjournment

A motion by Councilmember Grabas, seconded by Councilmember Voltaggio, passed by a vote of 7-0 to adjourn the meeting.

The next regularly scheduled monthly meeting is scheduled for June 3, 2026. All meetings will be held remotely until further notice. See the Departments web site for the Tidelands Resource Council at https://www.nj.gov/dep/landuse/tl_main.html for notices and links to future meetings. In each matter that came before the Council at this meeting, the Council determined that the action it took is in the public interest. However, the Council's action on each of these matters does not release the public trust interest in the State's presently flowed or formerly flowed tidelands within record title.



I certify that this is a true copy of the minutes of the Tidelands Resource Council meeting of May 6, 2026, approved by the Council at the June 3, 2026 meeting.

Randy D. Bearce

6/3/2026

Date

Randy D. Bearce
Manager
Bureau of Tidelands Management

The actions taken by the Tidelands Resource Council at its meeting on May 6, 2026 are hereby approved pursuant to N.J.S.A. 13:1B-13 (Supp. 1998), except for the following:

☒ There are no exceptions.

☐ There are exceptions. See attached MEMORANDUM.

Each approval may be reexamined just before delivery of the instrument to ensure that the transaction is proper under the law. The State has not conveyed or assigned its title until approval by all the authorized state officials and actual delivery. Until actual delivery, this approval may be revoked.



As to the approval of the April 23, 2026 TRC meeting minutes (approved at the May 6, 2026 meeting):

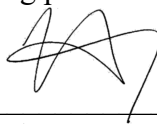


6/9/26

Date

Jennifer L. Moriarty, Assistant Commissioner
Watershed & Land Management

As to the approval of the May 6, 2026 TRC meeting pertaining to the Transco matter (file 1219-25-0004.1 TDI250001):



6/12/26

Date

Henry Gajda, Chief of Staff, NJDEP

Tidelands Resource Council-Opening of Meeting

(I call this meeting of the Tidelands Resource Council to order.) In accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act, written notice of this meeting was provided in the annual notice of meetings, by publication at least 48 hours in advance notice of the time, date, and location in a number of newspapers of general circulation in New Jersey, the Secretary of State, and anyone who requested it. The list of newspapers can be found in the Council's annual meeting notice and in our minutes.

The Tidelands Resource Council is a quasi-legislative body and does not hold public hearings in the usual sense of the word. For individual applications, our procedure is to first hear from the staff, who will provide a summary of the application and its recommendation. At which time, the Council may ask questions regarding the summary. Then the Council will hear from the applicant; and we welcome comments from anyone else who wishes to speak on the application. People who speak before the Council are not sworn witnesses, and we do not allow cross examinations by other members of the public. The Council and staff may ask further questions of the applicant and others who speak.

When the staff has notice of that any particular application will be contested, the Council requires that the applicant provide a Certified Shorthand Reporter for the portion of the meeting and requires that the applicant provide a copy of the transcript to the Bureau of Tidelands Management.

