

**RESOLUTION NO. 2019-57**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RENEWAL OF THE FRANCHISE  
AGREEMENT WITH NEW JERSEY NATURAL GAS COMPANY**

**WHEREAS**, New Jersey Natural Gas Company has heretofore been granted a franchise and consent to lay, maintain and operate gas facilities in the Township of Aberdeen (formerly Township of Matawan); and

**WHEREAS**, New Jersey Natural Gas Company is desirous of obtaining a franchise and consent of the municipality to continue serving the municipality.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, New Jersey Natural Gas Company be and it is hereby authorized to lay, maintain and operate its conductors, mains, and pipes, together with the appurtenances thereto, in all the public streets, alleys, squares and public places in this municipality which are under the control and jurisdiction of the Township of Aberdeen for the purpose of conducting gas, including natural gas, or any mixture of gases of various types and for the purpose of transmitting and distributing such gas in this municipality for a period of fifty (50) years from the date hereof, upon the following terms and conditions:

1. That New Jersey Natural Gas Company shall agree that, in all cases in which street openings or excavations are made for the purposes aforesaid, the pavement and the surface of the streets, alleys, squares or roadways shall be restored to the same condition as existed prior to the opening thereof and pay the cost for the same as provided for by municipal ordinances pertaining to the same; and
2. That New Jersey Natural Gas Company shall conduct the work or the laying or maintaining of gas pipes therein in a careful and prudent manner; and
3. That New Jersey Natural Gas Company shall safeguard the public interest in continuous and uninterrupted service at and after the expiration of the term of the grant; and
4. That New Jersey Natural Gas Company shall maintain its property in good order throughout the full term of the grant; and
5. That New Jersey Natural Gas Company shall continuously afford safe, adequate and proper service at just and reasonable rates.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that this franchise consent, upon approval of the Board of Public Utilities of the State of New Jersey, shall supersede the Resolution granted by the Township of Aberdeen (formerly Township of Matawan) on April 7, 1969; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that New Jersey Natural Gas Company shall file with the clerk of this municipality within sixty (60) days from the date hereof, its acceptance of the terms and provisions of the franchise consent herein granted and its agreement to be bound by the terms and provisions thereof; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that this resolution shall not become effective unless and until it is approved by the Board of Public Utilities of the State of New Jersey.

**DATED:**

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Karen Ventura  
Township Clerk

I certify the foregoing to be a true and accurate copy of a resolution adopted by the Township of Aberdeen on \_\_\_\_\_, 2019.

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