
Gas 'Take Station'

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Dear Zoning Board Members,

I recently learned that Boston Gas Company (a subsidiary of National Grid) is planning to build a new, bigger gas 'take station' at 307 Washington St. Arlington that would expand gas capacity. This facility, which receives high pressure gas and decompresses it to a safe level for distribution to homes, would be built on forested land next to the current station (305 Washington St.).

Provided that the current take station is safe, I'm writing to ask that you do not allow them an exemption for this land use.

Being that our goal in Arlington is to reduce our gas consumption, a bigger 'take station' seems counter intuitive. In addition, methane leaks are abundant throughout Arlington and one could expect a large take station would provide even more opportunities for leaks.

I believe the priority should be repairing major leaks, refurbishing the current take station, and investing in electrification—not building **new gas infrastructure that will be costly for ratepayers and quickly become stranded assets.**

Thanks so much for taking my thoughts into consideration.

Appreciatively,

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