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**Docket #3880 – 307 Washington Street**

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Hello,

My name is Rebecca Ellis, and I am an Arlington resident (135 Medford Street #2). I'm writing because I recently learned that the Zoning Board of Appeals will be considering, at its meeting tonight, a request for exemption from Boston Gas Company (a subsidiary of National Grid) to build a new, bigger gas take station at 307 Washington Street, which is currently zoned for residential use only.

I'm writing to express my opposition to this proposed project. Arlington is actively working - as it should - to reduce reliance on natural gas and transition to a clean energy-powered electric grid, necessary to reach the Town's goal of net zero carbon emissions by 2050. Increasing capacity of gas distribution in town is thus neither essential nor desirable. If Boston Gas is going to expend funds on gas infrastructure in Arlington, it should be addressing existing gas leaks, not building a new station that will, hopefully, become obsolete within a few years.

I hope the ZBA will scrutinize this project carefully and explore whether there are alternatives that will better serve Arlington residents.

Thank you for taking comments on this matter.

Best,  
Rebecca Ellis