
Comments re Docket #3880 - 307 Washington Street

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Dear Zoning Board of Appeals,

I am writing to ask that you turn down the Boston Gas Company's requested exemption to zoning rules so that it can build a larger gas "take station" at 307 Washington Street. Currently, the land is zoned for residential use only.

In this time of extreme climate change, we need to consider carefully the wisdom or folly of building new and larger fossil fuel infrastructure. In keeping with all scientific and moral wisdom for addressing the climate crisis, the Town of Arlington has made a commitment to REDUCE reliance on gas and transition to electric heat in the next decades. Thus, building out NEW gas infrastructure is going in the wrong direction and will burden rate-payers and residents with the economic and environmental costs over many years.

In addition, transferring gas is always a cause for concern, and this proposed station would add to the 185 current methane leaks in Arlington. Why is the gas company not focusing its efforts to repair current infrastructure to cut down on gas waste and human health consequences?

Finally, I understand that mature trees would be cut down for this project, which will cause further degradation to the Arlington environment, reduce carbon-sequestering plant life, reduce available shade during times of heat, and reduce homes for wildlife.

Please do not listen to the voices of fossil-fuel companies over the needs of this community to move into a sustainable energy future. We have to learn to live within our energy limits, not keep expanding practices that move us towards extinction.

Sincerely yours,

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