

RESOLUTION NO 2016-

RESOLUTION TO INTERVENE IN NEW JERSEY NATURAL GAS RATE INCREASE

WHEREAS, presently there is pending an action for a rate increase before the Office of Administrative Law brought by the New Jersey Natural Gas Company entitled I/M/O PETITION OF NEW JERSEY NATURAL GAS FOR AN APPROVAL OF AN INCREASE IN GAS BASE RATES AND FOR CHANGES IN ITS TARIFF FOR GAS SERVICE, OAL Docket Number GR15111304, and;

WHEREAS, it has been widely reported that the rate increase requested is to be 24% or approximately \$22.00 for the average person per billing period, and;

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council believe that the rate increase proposed, either or the alternative, will be detrimental to the businesses and the citizens of the Borough of Belmar, and;

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council wish to intervene in the pending action so to have its voice heard during the proceedings, and;

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 48:2-32.2 provides that any municipality may intervene in any hearing or investigation held by the board, which involves public utility rates, fares or charges, service or facilities, affecting the municipality the public within the municipality,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Belmar that the Borough Attorney shall take such actions, including the execution and filing of the necessary pleadings and documentation and the procuring of such signatures of Borough Representatives as may be necessary to seek leave to intervene in the above matter for the forgoing purposes.

offered the above resolution and moved its adoption.

Seconded by and adopted by the following vote on roll call:

Council members:	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Ms. Keown-Blackburn				
Mr. Magovern				
Mr. Brennan				
Mrs. Nicolay				
Mayor Doherty				

Adopted: