The following preamble and resolution were offered by the Board of Directors of the Flint River Watershed Coalition at the monthly meeting on September 19, 2014. This preamble and resolution was supported unanimously by all board members in attendance. There were no Nays.

WHEREAS, less than two years ago Energy Transfer (the parent company to ET Rover) claimed there was no need for the existing amount of natural gas capacity in Michigan (Docket No. PF 14-14-000) and sold its north/south transmission line to Enbridge Energy so that it could be used to transport petroleum;

WHEREAS, the proposed route of the ET Rover pipeline does not supply natural gas to Michigan beyond the MichCon delivery point in Livingston County contrary to what is depicted on the map provided by ET Rover and is merely a “pass through” to another country which does not necessitate serving the common good of Michigan residents beyond Livingston County;

WHEREAS, the Flint River Watershed is home to Metamora/Hadley State Park, Ortonville State Park and Sutherland Nature Center, various heavily wooded areas, farmland and meadows in Genesee and Lapeer counties. The construction of the proposed pipeline would not only be potentially devastating to the environmental aesthetics of our woodland, farms and meadows but would also put at risk the preservation and conservation of two state parks and nature center.

WHEREAS, the proposed ET Rover pipeline could also negatively impact watershed functions and watershed management goals. The construction of the proposed pipeline could also pose significant threat to the integrity and function of sensitive wetland and river ecosystems;

WHEREAS, based on the environmental and safety consequences of a potential rupture of a proposed 42” diameter pipeline at a minimum psi of 1100 the Potential Impact Radius would be 961 feet and would potentially be a safety hazard to the many residents living along the proposed pipeline route;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, Flint River Watershed Coalition Board opposes routing the proposed ET Rover pipeline through Genesee and Lapeer counties.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this Resolution shall be filed as a comment before the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission and sent directly to U.S. Senator Debbie Stabenow, U.S. Senator Carl Levin, US Representative Dan Kildee, U.S. Representative Candace Miller, Governor Rick Snyder, State Senator Phil Pavlov, State Senator Mike Green, State Senator Dave Robertson, State Representative Joseph Graves, State Representative Kevin Daley, Genesee County Commission, Lapeer County Commission and Genesee and Lapeer County Townships along the proposed pipeline route.

RESOLUTION APPROVED and ADOPTED,
Flint River Watershed Coalition, Board of Directors

Dated: September 19, 2014