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**NYS Department of Environmental Conservation v. Federal Energy Regulatory Commission:
TransCanada's Millennium Pipeline Case same date and time as Percoco Corruption Trial**

Oral Arguments will be presented to the second circuit court of appeals in the final hearing for NYSDEC v. FERC on whether the federal government has the right to usurp state's right to deny the 401 water quality certificate for the proposed Valley Lateral pipeline that will supply the controversial CPV Valley Energy Center Power Plant in Orange County NY with fracked gas. Protect Orange County, a grassroots environmental group of impacted residents, is named an official intervenor. The outcome of this case will have far reaching consequences, not only on the health and safety of the frontline community that is strongly opposed to this project, but on the national level where the fossil fuel industry is watching to see if they can sidestep state regulations in the Clean Water Act by going directly to FERC for approval.

This comes on the same week the trial begins for Joseph Percoco, a former aide to Gov. Cuomo, on corruption charges including bribery, directly related to the approval of the CPV Power Plant.

Residents will travel to the court from Orange County to speak at a press conference and rally in solidarity against FERC overreach as well as to demand justice be brought to Percoco and the former CPV executive responsible for the contentious gas power plant in their community.

WHO : Impacted Residents of Orange County, Protect Orange County, Food & Water Watch, Sane Energy Project.

WHAT : Rally behind the NYS DEC defending their right to deny 401 WQC and against Cuomo Administration corruption surrounding the CPV power plant

WHEN : Wednesday, 8:30-12 PM and then a full press conference to follow at lunch intermission 1:00 PM

WHERE : Thurgood Marshall Courthouse, 40 Centre Street, Foley Square, Manhattan