

Whereas, It is our understanding that there is no protection against "Forced Pooling" in Senate Bill 786 (hereafter called the "Fracking Law"), thereby enabling the Mining and Energy Commission to permit companies to drill under private property without the owner's permission.

and whereas:

It is our understanding that there is no protection in the Fracking Law against the state taking private property for industry purposes through eminent domain for transmission lines and other activities related to shale development.

Therefore:

The Town of Murphy petitions the DENR to add language to the "Fracking Law" to protect private property rights by (1)ensuring that "Forced Pooling" will not be allowed in North Carolina and (2) stipulating specifically that no private property will be taken through eminent domain for shale industry purposes for transmission lines or any other fracking activity,

and therefore:

The Town of Murphy joins other elected bodies and voters by calling for a moratorium on any fracking activity, including exploration, until property rights are expressly protected by law.