



August 23, 2017

Chairman Neil Chatterjee
Commissioner Cheryl A. LaFleur
Commissioner Robert F. Powelson
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
888 First Street, NE
Washington, D.C. 20426

Re: PennEast Pipeline Company, LLC
Docket No. CP15-558-000
Request for Prompt Issuance of Commission Order

Dear Chairman Chatterjee, Commissioner LaFleur, and Commissioner Powelson:

As President of the Marcellus Shale Coalition, a Pittsburgh Pennsylvania based trade association representing some 200 natural gas producers, pipeline companies and supply chain members, I once again lend our industry's strong support of the PennEast Pipeline Project, and urge your swift approval of this Certificate. The PennEast Pipeline will deliver clean-burning, low-cost and reliable energy to families and businesses across the region. Our organization and many citizens throughout this region are anxious to realize the economic and environmental benefits of this project and urge the Commission to approve the application as soon as possible.

The benefits are clear:

- Had PennEast Pipeline been in service in one recent winter, electric and gas customers would have realized \$897 million in energy savings.
- Increased usage of natural gas for electric generation leads to lower costs, cleaner air and a cleaner environment. This is demonstrated through:
 - More than a 20% reduction in carbon emissions from the power sector in Pennsylvania between 2005-2014, as natural gas use in this sector grew five-fold
 - More than a 13% reduction in carbon emissions from the power sector in New Jersey between 2005-2014, as natural gas use has doubled
- More than 12,000 direct and indirect jobs would be developed from the construction, planning and operations of this pipeline.
- Greater reliability for our nation's energy infrastructure by providing access to one of the most abundant and most affordable supplies of natural gas in all of North America.

Our organization has joined a loud chorus of supportive business, building trades and elected officials from two states and on both sides of the political aisle who understand the need for more stable and reliable energy and its direct connection access to that energy has to economic growth, environmental protection, and our quality of life.

Already, three government regulators, including FERC, have determined that PennEast Pipeline can be constructed with minimal environmental impact. The world's largest electric grid operator, PJM, also has said PennEast is needed for electric grid reliability. The Building Trade Unions have called PennEast a top 26 infrastructure project in America, and leading business organizations have urged approval of this project to drive long-term economic growth. Similarly, the MSC supports this project without reservation.

Swift Commission action after months of delays is critical in order to ensure families and businesses in the region can realize the economic and environmental benefits of the project as soon as possible.

Respectfully,

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David J. Spigelmyer
President