



November 2, 2016

Ms. Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary  
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission  
888 First Street, NE  
Washington, D.C. 20426

Re: PennEast Pipeline Company, LLC, Docket No. CP15-558-000  
Comments Regarding the October 25, 2016 memorandum from John Collins, Energy  
Industry Analyst, FERC Staff, to the FERC Office of the Secretary Reply to New Jersey  
Division of Rate Counsel Comments

Dear Ms. Bose:

New Jersey Natural Gas Company (“NJNG”, or the “Company”) submits these comments regarding the October 25, 2016 memorandum from John Collins, Energy Industry Analyst, FERC Staff, to the FERC Office of the Secretary in Docket No. CP15-558-000.

Per the memorandum, on a October 11, 2016 conference call between Mr. Collins and the New Jersey Division of Rate Counsel, Mr. Collins asked, “Why are New Jersey Local Distribution Companies signing up for PennEast capacity? Are there any public documents that cover the project?”

NJNG’s letter submitted to PennEast pre-filing Docket No. PF-15-1-000 on January 16, 2015 is a public document that stated in the second paragraph:

*“New Jersey Natural Gas (NJNG) supports the project as a shipper. The Project will provide access to natural gas supply from one of the lowest natural gas price points in the country. NJNG will have the opportunity to restructure its gas supply portfolio and provide price stability to its customers as a shipper on the Project. The project provides flexibility to serve multiple areas of NJNG’s service territory by connecting with four of the five interstate pipelines that serve NJNG territory.”*

NJNG’s Basic Gas Supply Service (“BGSS”) filing submitted to the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities (“BPU”) on June 1, 2015 in BPU Docket No. GR15060644 is a public document that informed the BPU and New Jersey Rate Counsel why NJNG signed up for PennEast capacity. The testimony of Jayana S. Shah, NJNG’s Managing Director of Gas Supply, on page 7 lines 4 to 7 stated that:

*"In August 2014, NJNG signed a precedent agreement with PennEast Pipeline Company for 180,000 dths/day of capacity. The capacity will increase access to Marcellus supply. The pipeline capacity has the ability to deliver into four of the five interstate pipelines on which NJNG has citygate stations."*

If you have any questions, please contact me at (732) 938-1214.

Sincerely,



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