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RE: Re: Proposed PennEast Pipeline, Docket No. CP15-558-000

Dear Secretary Bose:

As a member of the New Jersey State Assembly representing parts of Morris and Somerset counties, one of the most important responsibilities I have to my constituents is supporting policies that grow our economy, create jobs, and make New Jersey a more affordable place to live, work, and raise a family. An important component of that is the cost of energy.

New Jersey is located approximately 150 miles away from the largest and most affordable natural gas-producing region in North America, yet no pipeline directly or efficiently connects the production regions of Pennsylvania to the New Jersey market. This contributes to higher energy costs for New Jersey families and businesses.

The proposed \$1 billion PennEast Pipeline supports the goals of New Jersey's Energy Master Plan, and a recent study found that it would have saved New Jersey's families and businesses nearly \$400 million in gas and electric costs during the 2013-2014 winter season. Combined with the creation of thousands of good-paying construction and planning jobs, these positive economic impacts can and will make New Jersey a far more competitive and attractive place to call home and do business in the years to come.

The overwhelming backing of leading labor and business organizations, as well as the parent companies of all four New Jersey gas companies - three of which serve constituents in my district- illustrate the importance of getting major infrastructure projects like this done without delay. As New Jersey becomes even more reliant on natural gas for cleaner electric power generation, PennEast will provide a critical link that benefits all New Jersey residents in the years ahead.

Projects of this magnitude will always face varying levels of opposition; though I am hopeful the Commission and the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection will thoroughly review the project on its merits and approve it in a timely fashion.

Greater access to this affordable, clean-burning, American-made energy supply should not be delayed. Thank you in advance for what I hope will be the Commission's favorable consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Anthony M. Bucco". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of the first and last names being capitalized and prominent.

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Assemblyman 25th District

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cc: Governor Chris Christie
NJDEP Commissioner Bob Martin

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