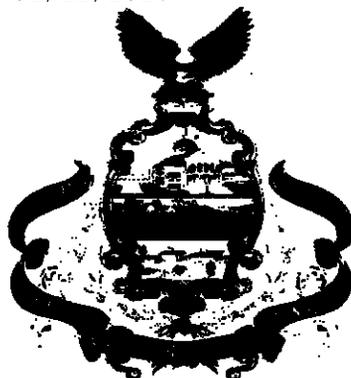


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January 19, 2016

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
ATTN: Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary
888 First Street, N.E.
Washington, DC 20426

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

Dear Secretary Bose:

It's an honor to write to you in support of American energy – specifically, natural gas. Bradford County has been at the heart of America's shale energy revolution and over the course of the last seven plus years, has emerged as one of the greatest producers of natural gas in the Appalachian Basin.

As a leading producer, we have not only enjoyed the benefits of natural gas development, but are leveraging the many "downstream" benefits of abundant natural gas supplies in our backyard. These end-use benefits include the siting of a new 829-megawatt natural gas-fueled combined cycle power plant. This \$900 million investment, its hundreds of construction jobs and cleaner-fueled electricity is the type of development that coincides with reliable, affordable natural gas in the market. That's why proposed pipeline projects like the PennEast Pipeline are so important.

Natural gas is not only fueling our electric needs, but is a major fuel source for industrial and commercial users. Here in Bradford County, Global Tungsten & Powders Corporation (GTP) in Towanda and Guthrie Hospital in Sayre, are two great examples. Both have invested in Combined Heat and Power (CHP) projects that use cleaner-burning natural gas to provide more efficient, on-site electric generation and hot water. This year, GTP also installed a state-of-the-art system to generate hydrogen directly at its facility using local natural gas.

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Natural gas also plays a role in diversifying our transportation fuels. Today in Bradford County, we now have two compressed natural gas fueling stations open to the public.

The underlying component – literally – of taking advantage of local natural gas supplies is pipelines. With Bradford County's and our neighboring counties prolific natural gas supplies, we are eager to share this abundant fuel with others in the region so they can enjoy similar benefits of greater access to affordable natural gas. Again, this will be made possible by projects like the PennEast Pipeline.

I offer my strong support to FERC to approve the PennEast Pipeline.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Doug McLinko", written in a cursive style.

Doug McLinko, Chairman

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