



October 15, 2015

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

RE: PennEast Pipeline Proposal, Docket: CP15-558-000

Dear Secretary Bose:

On behalf of the Chemistry Council of New Jersey, I am writing to express the Council's support for the PennEast Pipeline Project and ask that you move swiftly to approve this important project.

The business of chemistry is a vital component of New Jersey's economy. It is a \$25 billion industry, making New Jersey the 9th largest chemistry producing state. Energy costs are incredibly important to our members, who provide more than 50,000 high-paying jobs in the state. Lower energy costs mean more capital to create much-needed jobs and ultimately, more money in the hands of New Jersey residents.

The Chemistry Council supports the PennEast Pipeline Project because of the substantial economic benefits it offers New Jersey as a whole. Natural gas development provides reliable, domestically-produced energy at lower costs – for both manufacturers and the public.

Further, our state's strategic location and close proximity to the Marcellus Shale is something that should be maximized to the benefit of all of New Jersey. The PennEast proposal seeks to leverage New Jersey's geography and will help deliver this safe, clean energy source to market from right next door in Pennsylvania, rather than from the Gulf of Mexico at far higher costs.

The Council has long supported safe and environmentally friendly infrastructure projects that have very low environmental impact and are void of public hazards. Furthermore, the



amount of direct and indirect jobs the pipeline will create through design, planning, construction and long-term maintenance is substantial and must be considered as part of FERC's review process.

Again, on behalf of the Chemistry Council and our members, we ask FERC to move expeditiously to approve PennEast's application.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Hal Bozarth'. The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping 'H' and 'B'.

Hal Bozarth
Executive Director
Chemistry Council of New Jersey