



August 29, 2016

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

**RE: PennEast Pipeline Proposal**

Dear Secretary Bose,

I am writing you today on behalf of the Chemistry Council of New Jersey (CCNJ) to express our support for the PennEast Pipeline. We respectfully request that you approve this important project as quickly as possible.

The CCNJ's members are a critical sector of New Jersey's economy. New Jersey is the 10<sup>th</sup> largest chemistry-producing state. It is also a \$22.5 billion industry with more than 49,000 highly skilled, good paying jobs. As large energy consumers, energy costs are top of mind for many of our members. The PennEast Pipeline will provide significant economic benefits by tapping into safe, clean, affordable natural gas less than 100 miles away. Natural gas will provide reliable, domestic energy at a lower cost for manufacturers as well as New Jersey's families. Studies show that had additional supply like the PennEast Pipeline existed, businesses and families would have saved \$378.4 million in the 2013-2014 winter alone.

It is also important to our members that we support environmentally friendly and safe infrastructure projects that have a minimal impact on the environment. FERC's recent Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) made it clear that this project will have a low impact on our environment, while creating significant savings and thousands of jobs for New Jersey.

Once again, on behalf of the members of the Chemistry Council of New Jersey, I urge you to approve the PennEast Pipeline, an environmentally friendly and economically smart project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Edward T. Waters", is written over a large, stylized red scribble or mark.

Edward T. Waters  
Director of Government Affairs  
Chemistry Council of New Jersey