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Ms. Kimberly D. Bose
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Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
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Re: PennEast Pipeline Project, Docket No. CP15-558-000

Dear Secretary Bose:

As you are likely aware, I represent some of Pennsylvania's most prolific natural gas-producing counties, including Bradford, Lycoming, Susquehanna and Tioga. Sometimes called the "Marcellus Fairway," this area has witnessed robust economic growth over the last several years, due in large part to the shale gas revolution. However, a lack of pipeline "takeaway" capacity has greatly depressed natural gas prices, slowed production, and prevented consumers from fully realizing the benefits of this abundant, clean, and cheap domestic resource.

Offering local natural gas to new markets is one key to energizing local economies in Pennsylvania and across our nation. Unfortunately, without new pipeline capacity – like that of the proposed PennEast Pipeline – consumers are unable to take advantage of this resource.

The PennEast Pipeline will originate roughly 20 miles from the border of my District, and once constructed it will be an important outlet for approximately one billion cubic feet of natural gas per day. This project will not only help support local production in gas producing counties, by benefiting related support businesses, maintaining payments to royalty owners, and bolstering state impact fee collections, but it will also provide eastern Pennsylvania and New Jersey with reliable, affordable, locally sourced natural gas.

Infrastructure investment like the PennEast Pipeline exemplify projects for the public good: from addressing pipeline system constraints and reducing energy costs for families and businesses to assisting the region's natural gas-fired electric generators and supporting Pennsylvania natural gas production. And just as importantly, the PennEast Pipeline project can be completed in a manner that preserves the natural beauty of Eastern Pennsylvania. I hope that you will work with PennEast to ensure the Commonwealth's environment is minimally impacted and fully restored following the Pipeline's construction and once it goes into service.

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Given the clear need for additional gas supplies to reach regional energy consumers, I ask the Commission's approval of the PennEast Pipeline. Please contact Jeff Wieand in my office at (202) 225-3731 if you have questions or if I can be of assistance. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tom Marino". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping underline.

Tom Marino
Member of Congress