

direct interest in protecting and preserving an irreplaceable community rich in farming and historic culture; preventing the destruction of endangered species' habitats and fragile watershed ecosystems; defending the Township's thriving agricultural and recreational economies; safeguarding the Township's citizens' proactive investment in conserved and preserved farms and woodlands; and opposing the PennEast Pipeline due to its irrevocable impact on the safety and integrity of the human environment. DTCAP is uniquely qualified to comment on and provide relevant information concerning associated impacts to the public health and general welfare of Delaware Township residents, including but not limited to protection of preserved farmland and open space, cultural and historic resources and impacts to its wetlands, water supply and the environment. DTCAP brings this action on its own behalf and on behalf of the Board of DTCAP and the residents of Delaware Township.

Among many other concerns, DTCAP has concerns about the following:

A. Pollution of Water Supply. The impact of the PennEast pipeline project on the quality of the water supply and the integrity of the water systems in Delaware Township. The proposed pipeline route will cross under the Delaware River impacting the Delaware River Basin and its intricate network of streams, creeks, ponds and wetlands. Many of these streams have been designated as C-1 streams which require the highest degree of protections under federal and state laws. Additionally, PennEast has announced that its construction of the pipeline will require significant blasting of bedrock, which could contaminate the drinking water of hundreds of Delaware Township residents along the pipeline route, particularly since this region has been designated an "arsenic hotspot" in the State of New Jersey. PennEast's actions could significantly pollute the water supply across the Hunterdon and Mercer county region. DTCAP has direct knowledge of multiple homeowners whose wells are located within 150 feet of the pipeline route, despite Penn East's false claims to the contrary in its application filing;

B. Damage to Septic Systems. The impact of the PennEast pipeline project on private septic systems; DTCAP is similarly aware of multiple homeowners along the pipeline route whose septic systems will likely be crossed and/or compromised by the construction of the pipeline;

C. Damage to Taxpayer Purchased Open Space. The impact of the PennEast pipeline on our citizens' proactive investment, through public tax dollars approved by multiple referenda, to conserve open spaces for the enjoyment of future generations, public recreation, the

protection of wildlife and unique native species and the preservation of Delaware Township's agricultural heritage in New Jersey, the Garden State;

D. Destruction of Farms and Farmland Preservation. The impact of the PennEast pipeline on preserved farms and our state's Farmland Preservation program which has successfully preserved tens of thousands of acres of farmland in New Jersey, the most densely populated state in the nation, including thousands of acres in Delaware Township. If allowed to proceed, the PennEast project will undermine New Jersey's farmland preservation efforts by targeting such preserved farms for pipeline infrastructure projects at the expense of the individual farmer seeking to preserve our farmlands for the future. Additionally, the PennEast project will negatively impact the livelihood of all farmers along the pipeline route by the direct "taking of land," the destruction of woodlands, the destruction of soil quality and the proven negative impact of an operational pipeline on crop yields;

E. Destruction of Historic and Cultural Resources. The impact of the PennEast pipeline on our unique historic and cultural features including the federally protected Rosemont Agricultural District, numerous historic buildings and cultural features which have been previously documented and previously submitted to FERC;

F. Failure to Establish ACTUAL Public Need. The impact of the PennEast pipeline on our community's property values and our individual citizens' right to own, use and enjoy their private property and publicly preserved spaces. PennEast has failed to demonstrate real public "need" for this project, which duplicates parallel existing pipeline infrastructure in our State. The mere signing of contracts by PennEast partners in their efforts to increase corporate profits does not justify the taking of private property for corporate gains. Delaware Township citizens have expressed their vehement opposition to this project with 86 percent of impacted residents refusing to grant survey access to PennEast; and

G. Poor Safety Record. The impact of the PennEast project on the health, welfare and safety of the citizens of Delaware Township. DTCAP has strong concerns about the poor safety record of UGI, the company responsible for the building of the pipeline, the danger to citizens living along the pipeline route, and the additional health concerns noted in a Delaware Township Resolution passed by our Board of Health and already submitted to FERC.

III. CONCLUSION

Wherefore, the Delaware Township Citizens Against the Pipeline, Inc., respectfully request the FERC grant its Motion to Intervene as a party with full rights to participate in all further proceedings.

Respectfully submitted,

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