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CP15-558-000 Application of PennEast Pipeline Company, LLC for Certificates of Public Convenience and Necessity and Related Authorizations

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Basis for Intervening:

The Durham Township Environmental Advisory Council (EAC) wishes to declare Intervenor Status on FERC Docket No. CP15-558-000 PennEast Pipeline Company, LLC. The EAC questions the proposed location of the PennEast Pipeline through Durham Township for the following reasons:

- 1) Its proximity to the headwaters of the Cooks Creek Watershed, a PA State designated and protected Exceptional Value watershed;
- 2) Its proximity to critically sensitive wetlands, headwater and forested lands, publicly and privately preserved open space, scenic vistas, prime agricultural lands and populations of State or Federally threatened, rare or endangered species.
- 3) Its proximity to the Monroe Border Fault.
(http://www.gis.dcnr.state.pa.us/topo/ogf/OGF_MonroeBorderFault.pdf)
- 4) Its proximity to the Delaware River, which poses an unacceptable threat to the potable water supply for 20 million people and a common recreational resource.
- 5) Its proximity to the grave and family cemetery of a celebrated soldier of the Revolutionary War, Captain George Heinlein (1742-1805), 7th Company of the Durham Militia.

In addition:

- 6) Significant construction activities can pose an adverse effect on underlying groundwater quality through the area's documented Karst limestone geology, as pollutants travel quickly through porous limestone.

7) Compaction of the earth by heavy equipment will intrude upon and may impair groundwater recharge areas.

8) The use of chemicals or processes to maintain the 125' right-of-way (for control of seedling trees, shrubs and weeds) could easily impact both surface and groundwater resources.

9) Standard management practices of pipeline rights-of-way often encourage the growth and spread of noxious invasive species.

10) Construction equipment within the Cooks Creek Watershed presents a further risk for degradation of surface water and groundwater quality.

11) The unaddressed concerns by PennEast regarding the potential risk and damage to the health and safety of residents, farmers, wildlife and plants, as well as the overall degradation of the quality of life of in Durham Township.

12) Potential decreased property values.

13) Potential damage to local roads and fragile, historic infrastructure by trucks and heavy equipment.

14) Potential, significant noise pollution.

With the above comments taken into consideration, please enter the Durham Township Environmental Advisory Council as an Intervenor for FERC Docket No. CP15-558-000 PennEast Pipeline Company, LLC application.