

ORIGINAL



800 North Third Street, Suite 205 • Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17102

Telephone (717) 901-0600 • Fax (717) 901-0611 • www.energypa.org

January 27, 2016

FILED
SECRETARY OF THE
COMMISSION
2016 FEB -4 P 2:46
FEDERAL ENERGY
REGULATORY COMMISSION

Ms. Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
888 First Street, N.E.
Washington, DC 20426

Re: PennEast Pipeline Project, Docket No. CP15-558-000

Dear Secretary Bose:

The Energy Association of Pennsylvania (EAP), a trade association whose members include electric and natural gas utilities operating in Pennsylvania, supports the PennEast Pipeline Project.

As you know, this Project will provide just over one million dekatherms per day of year-round natural gas delivery from the prolific gas production area in northern Pennsylvania to markets in eastern Pennsylvania and New Jersey. Delivery points along PennEast's route include interconnections with:

- UGI Central Penn Gas in Carbon County, Pennsylvania
- UGI Utilities and Columbia Gas Transmission in Northampton County, Pennsylvania
- Elizabethtown Gas, NRG REMA, Texas Eastern and Algonquin Gas Transmission - all in Hunterdon County, New Jersey.

The PennEast project will support growing natural gas demand. Customers of electric and gas utilities in Pennsylvania, from families to businesses, have already reaped enormous benefits from the shale gas revolution. However, existing pipeline capacity is constrained – especially in periods of peak demand – and the benefits of local, abundant natural gas cannot be fully realized without new capacity to transport gas to customers.

Pennsylvania is estimated to have the country's second largest natural gas proved reserves. Constructing projects like PennEast will help bring these local supplies to local markets, continue Pennsylvania's rich history as an energy leader and innovator, and most importantly will enhance reliability and provide greater price stability for consumers.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Terrance J. Fitzpatrick
President & CEO