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**OFFICE OF THE CHAIRMAN**

The Honorable Michael G. Fitzpatrick  
U. S. House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Congressman Fitzpatrick:

Thank you for your June 22, 2015, letter regarding PennEast Pipeline Company LLC's (PennEast) PennEast Pipeline Project in Pennsylvania and New Jersey (Docket No. PF15-1-000).

Since October 10, 2014, PennEast has participated in the Commission's pre-filing process for the PennEast Pipeline Project, and it intends to file a formal application for the project later this summer. Once PennEast files an application, the Commission staff will prepare and issue a draft environmental impact statement (EIS) for this proposal. The draft EIS will be published and distributed for a 45-day public review and comment period. In addition, public comment meetings will be held in the project areas to collect oral comments on the draft EIS. When planning the comment meetings on the draft EIS, Commission staff intends to identify meeting locations along the pipeline route that are convenient for the greatest number of people who might be interested in the project, including affected landowners and stakeholders in Bucks County, Pennsylvania.

After consideration of comments, a final EIS will be issued. The Commission will consider the findings of the final EIS before making its decision on this proposal. The Commission's decision on whether to authorize this project will be based on a careful review of the issues and will be rooted in the law, facts, and science.

If I can be of further assistance in this or any other Commission matter, please do not hesitate to let me know.

Sincerely,



Norman C. Bay  
Chairman

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