



FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, DC 20426

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OFFICE OF THE CHAIRMAN

The Honorable Leonard Lance
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congressman Lance:

Thank you for your September 18, 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. PennEast filed its formal application for authorization to construct and operate the project on September 24, 2015. Commission staff will prepare and issue a draft environmental impact statement (EIS) for the proposed project, which will include analysis of impacts to preserved lands and the cumulative impact of additional pipeline projects in the region.

The draft EIS will be published and distributed for a 45-day public review and comment period. Comments on the draft EIS may be submitted to the Commission either in writing by filing them in the docket or verbally at public comment meetings that will be held in the project area. 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 whether this proposal will be granted a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity. Under the Natural Gas Act, Congress has conferred the right of eminent domain to any holder of a Certificate issued by the FERC.

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