

Submission Description: (doc-less) Motion to Intervene of Frenchtown Environmental Commission under CP15-558-000.

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

Filing Party/Contacts:

Filing Party	Signer (Representative)
Other Contact (Principal)	

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Frenchtown Environmental Commission  
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Basis for Intervening:

The Frenchtown Environmental Commission is registering as an intervenor due to concerns about impacts of the proposed PennEast pipeline on the Borough and its residents. The Commission objects to the pipeline due to the fact that the current route comes close to the northeast corner of Frenchtown Borough and crosses two protected streams which flow into nature preserves in the Borough. The construction of this proposed pipeline will bisect a potential future greenway along the Nishisakawick Creek, one of the protected streams. The health of our ground water, steep slopes and the accompanying ecosystems are threatened by the proposed pipeline construction and operation. Furthermore, this project would exacerbate the already serious flood issues facing Frenchtown. This pipeline, if built, would create violations of the Clean Water Act, Wild and Scenic Rivers Act and Delaware River Basin Commission Regulations. In addition, the Frenchtown Environmental Commission takes exception to the blatant targeting of our tax-payer funded preserved open space. These sensitive lands will be impacted, causing a reduction of aesthetics, habitat preservation and water quality protection; the very reasons these tracts were saved in the first place. Finally, we have serious reservations about the unbiased validity and quality of the Environmental Impact Statement that will be generated by TetraTech.