

**BEFORE THE UNITED STATES
FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION**

PennEast Pipeline Company, LLC

) Docket No. CP15-558-000

MOTION TO INTERVENE

Pursuant to Rules 212 and 214 of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's ("Commission") Rules of Practice and Procedure, 18 C.F.R. § 385.212 and 385.214 (2007), Friends of Hopewell Valley Open Space ("FoHVOS") files this motion to intervene in this proceeding.

On September 24, 2015, the PennEast Pipeline Company LLC ("PennEast") filed its application under § 7 of the Natural Gas Act, 15 U.S.C. § 717f, and § 157 of FERC's regulations, 18 C.F.R. § 157.1 *et seq.*, for the proposed PennEast Project ("Project"), FERC Docket No. CP15-558-000.

I. COMMUNICATIONS AND SERVICE

All communications, pleadings, and orders with respect to this proceeding should be sent to the following individual:

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II. INTEREST OF PETITIONER

Friends of Hopewell Valley Open Space is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) land conservancy based in the Hopewell Valley, Mercer County, New Jersey.

The current map of the PennEast pipeline project shows that the route crosses many parcels of preserved land. Since its founding in 1987, FoHVOS has had an active role in the preservation of nearly 4,000 acres of open space and farmland in the Hopewell Valley and, as advocates supporting state and local funding for open space and farmland preservation over the years, our efforts extend well beyond

our immediate area. The map shows that the pipeline would extend 1.98 miles across Baldpate Mountain. For nearly nine years, FoHVOS had a leading role in the preservation of the Ted Stiles Preserve at Baldpate Mountain—the preserve is named for FoHVOS' long-time president as a result of that effort. FoHVOS has conducted forest and meadow restoration projects to improve habitat on Baldpate and is currently developing a forest stewardship plan for the preserve to help protect the mountain's high-quality habitat for birds, other animals and native plants. Also, the proposed pipeline route crosses a farm on which FoHVOS holds a conservation easement, and our Jacobs Creek hiking trail.

III. CONCLUSION

Friends of Hopewell Valley Open Space respectfully requests that the Commission grant this Motion to Intervene as a party with full rights to participate in all further proceedings.

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Respectfully submitted,



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