

October 18, 2015

Cheryl A. LaFleur, Chairman  
Federal Energy Regulation Commission  
888 First Street, NE  
Washington, DC 20426

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Re: Docket No.: PF15-1-00  
PennEast Pipeline Project  
Upper Bucks County, Pennsylvania

Dear Chairman LaFleur,

The Gallows Run Watershed Association hereby objects to the proposed PennEast Pipeline and the irreparable damage to ecologically sensitive areas of Pennsylvania inherent to the pipeline's construction and maintenance.

**WHEREAS**, The Gallows Run Watershed Association is a 501(c)(3) non-profit corporation formed in 2001 in response to proposed, high-density and high impact land development, and

**WHEREAS**, The Gallows Run Watershed Association is dedicated to the protection and improvement of the quality of the Gallows Run Watershed's resources and advocating on behalf of sound environmental stewardship, sustainable land management, and the preservation of the area's rural character, and therefore

**Find the proposed PennEast Pipeline to run in direct opposition of this mission for the following reasons:**

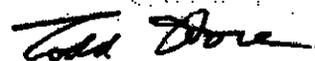
- The Gallows Run watershed is a Cold Water Fishery (CWF) as classified by the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (PADEP), located in Nockamixon, Springfield, and Durham Townships in Upper Bucks County of Southeastern Pennsylvania. Aside from significant amenities including but not limited to: high quality surface and ground water, a Class D brown trout fishery, healthy aquatic ecosystems, threatened and endangered species, and preserved open space; the groundwater is presently the only source of drinking water in the community.
- The 108 miles of 36" buried pipeline will cross parts of Luzerne, Carbon, Northampton and Bucks Counties in Pennsylvania (including Durham Township and Riegelsville).
- The proposed pipeline route will cross 88 waterways -- several of which are federally regulated C-1 blue line streams.
- 85% of the proposed route will cross through the Delaware watershed.
- The proposed pipeline route will cross lands in Bucks County that are environmentally fragile, lands that are preserved by the expenditure of public funds for the exclusive use of agriculture.

- The proposed pipeline route will cross lands that are preserved by the expenditure of public funds for the use, enjoyment, and permanent protection of open space.
- Maintenance and construction of the pipeline require the stripping of vegetation, use of pesticides, heavy equipment, blasting of hard stone, and storage of petroleum products: all of which have been shown to impact long-term ecological systems and surface and groundwater quality.
- The pipeline is planned to transport approximately one billion cubic feet of natural gas per day. Evidence has shown that pipeline leakages are fairly common and severely affect well quality should the leak reach groundwater.
- The proposed pipeline route will cause significant deforestation and fragmentation, destruction of natural animal habitat, disturbance of ground cover which will propagate the spread of invasive species, and degrade the diversity of native flora and fauna.

**Now, he it resolved that the Gallows Run Watershed Association finds the PennEast Pipeline Project a potential hazard to both the ecological and communal resources along the proposed route and resolves that:**

- The PennEast Pipeline Project develops and publically shares a plan to avoid any possible impacts to delicate resources, be it environmental or resident based, and
- Such strategic plans for the construction and maintenance of the pipeline involve and encourage citizen, organization, and municipality participation in affected regions, and
- All owners, operators, and parties connected to the PennEast Pipeline take hearty responsibility for long and short-term impacts to the lands, waters, and resources connected to the Gallows Run Watershed, the Delaware River Basin, and otherwise along route of the project.

Very Truly Yours,



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