

Submission Description: (doc-less) Motion to Intervene of Lehigh Township under CP15-558-000.

Submission Date: 10/28/2015 3:42:35 PM

Filed Date: 10/28/2015 3:42:35 PM

Dockets

-----

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)	
-----	-----
-----	
Lehigh Township	arehrig@lehightownship.com
arehrig@lehightownship.com	

Basis for Intervening:

Lehigh Township wishes to participate in this project in the interest of how it will effect the quality of life of our residents. The Township has implemented many restrictions through our zoning Ordinance, SALDO and building codes to help protect our environmentally sensitive areas, including our protected woodlands and waterways. In addition, these regulations are designed to protect the wildlife which thrive in these natural areas. The proposed project route will impact pristine woods and forests, damage wildlife and plant life, cause potential sediment buildup in waterways which serve as a source of drinking water. The proposed route and the construction of pump stations along the way will impact Lehigh Township residents, the groundwater that Lehigh Township residents depend on for wetlands springs, vernal ponds valued by residents and visitors, and are irreplaceable. The proposed route of the pipeline may invade habitats of species protected by the Endangered Species Act, such as eagles, the wood turtle and the long tailed salamander and various plants and other animals protected by federal and state law. The damages associated with the pipeline are greater than the benefits that may be derived.