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Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
888 First Street, NE
Washington, DC 2042

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Re: Proposed PennEast Pipeline, Docket No. CP15-558-000

Dear Secretary Bose:

On behalf of the Meadowlands Regional Chamber of Commerce, and our members across Northern New Jersey, I am writing to express our enthusiastic support for the proposed PennEast Pipeline.

As the economic engine of Northern New Jersey, the Meadowlands Region depends upon a safe, stable, reliable and affordable energy supply. Especially in our home Bergen and Hudson County region, energy reliability is crucial to our sports, entertainment, manufacturing and retail sectors.

Upon completion, the PennEast Pipeline will vastly increase New Jersey's supply of cleaner-burning, locally-sourced natural gas for use in our homes and for electric power generation – helping to control energy costs for our business community. Stabilizing supply and pricing of energy allows employers to focus on growth and expansion plans. An economic impact study found it would have saved New Jersey energy customers \$378 million in one recent winter.

Additionally, PennEast's planned \$1 billion major infrastructure investment in the New Jersey/Pennsylvania region will create thousands of jobs, and have crucial, secondary impacts across various key economic sectors including construction, planning and professional services. Construction jobs are temporary and seasonal in nature, in that they are project-specific and heavily dependent upon a constant stream of large infrastructure projects, like PennEast. Finally, with millions of customers of all four New Jersey gas utility companies benefiting statewide, the market need is clear.

The PennEast project will power New Jersey's energy future and the Meadowlands Regional Chamber is proud to support PennEast's application to FERC. We are hopeful the Commission will move expeditiously to approve this important regional project.

Sincerely,


Jim Kirkos
President/CEO

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