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Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
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Re: Proposed PennEast Pipeline, Docket No. CP15-558-000

Dear Secretary Bose:

On behalf of the New Jersey State Building and Construction Trades Council, I am writing to express our strong support for the proposed PennEast Pipeline. Our organization provides resources to 15 affiliated trades unions in the construction industry, representing 13 Local Building Trades Councils, more than 100 local unions, and over 150,000 rank and file members.

This nearly \$1 billion, 118-mile, 36-inch pipeline is not only a major infrastructure project that benefits our region, these pipeline projects are proven job creators. PennEast projects that over 2,500 planning and construction jobs will be necessary to complete the project that in large part benefit the working families within our membership. Our members include the highly trained and skilled professionals who operate the heavy equipment needed for these economically important projects to be constructed and ultimately move natural gas safely and efficiently to homes and businesses across New Jersey.

With the Commission's approval, PennEast will continue to provide long-lasting benefits to our state's economy well after it's operational, particularly the more than \$378 million in energy savings that could have been realized during the recent polar vortex winter of 2013-2014. With demand growing each year and more natural gas used for electric power generation in New Jersey than ever before, PennEast would translate into big savings for both electric and gas customers alike. Lower energy costs can make our state more affordable and competitive for business, manufacturing and job creation for the construction industry, working families and our state as a whole in the years ahead.

Natural gas infrastructure projects are not new to our region. In fact, nearly 80% of households across the state rely on this clean-burning energy source. That's why the parent companies of New Jersey's four natural gas utilities are investing in this vital project, adding greater stability in pricing and increased reliability in service.

On behalf of our 150,000 members, we strongly urge the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission to approve the PennEast Pipeline as soon as possible.

Sincerely,

William T. Mullen
President

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