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Dear Ms. Bose:

As Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer for New Jersey, in accordance with 36 CFR Part 800: Protection of Historic Properties, as published in the *Federal Register* on December 12, 2000 (65 FR 77725-77739) and amended on July 6, 2004 (69 FR 40544-40555), I am providing continuing Consultation Comments for the following proposed undertaking:

Hunterdon and Mercer Counties
Preferred Alternative Route Update (October 2015)
PennEast Pipeline Project
FERC Docket # CP15-558-000
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

Preferred Alternative Route Update (October 2015)

Thank you for providing the Historic Preservation Office (HPO) with information regarding the most recent update to the proposed preferred alternative route for the above-referenced undertaking. Based on the information provided, the revised preferred alternative route includes reroutes and minor route variations to minimize impacts to multiple resource types. The Scope of Work (SOW) for this project dated February 2, 2015, and the subsequent updated Archaeological Sensitivity Model dated March 6, 2015, are applicable to the revised alignment. Specifically, as outlined in the approved SOW, the project's Area of Potential Effect (APE) needs to be modified to account for the reroutes and minor variations. Additionally, the Archaeological Sensitivity Model should be applied to the revised alignment and areas of archaeological sensitivity will require subsurface testing as defined in the SOW.

The HPO looks forward to further consultation with Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) and URS regarding the identification and treatment of historic properties within the

undertakings area of potential effects (APE) pursuant to FERC's obligation under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act.

Additional Comments

Thank you for providing the opportunity to review and comment on the potential for the above-referenced project to affect historic properties. Please reference HPO project number 14-4462 in any future calls, emails, submissions or written correspondence to help expedite your review and response. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Jesse West-Rosenthal (609-984-6019) of my staff with questions regarding archaeology or Michelle Craren (609-292-0032) with questions regarding historic architecture.

Sincerely,



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