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Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary  
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission  
888 First Street, NE  
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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 Consultation Comments for the following proposed undertaking:

**Hunterdon and Mercer Counties  
Reconnaissance-Level Historic Architectural Survey Report  
PennEast Pipeline  
Docket No. CP15-558-000  
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission**

### 800.4 Identification of Historic Properties

The Historic Preservation Office (HPO) was recently provided with the opportunity to review and comment on the following reconnaissance-level historic architectural survey report, received at this office on October 19, 2015, for the above-referenced undertaking:

Zeoli, Vanessa and Eileen Hood.

September 2015 *Reconnaissance-Level Historic Architectural Survey Report, PennEast Pipeline Project, Hunterdon and Mercer Counties, New Jersey. Prepared for PennEast Pipeline Company, LLC, Wyomissing, Pennsylvania. Prepared by URS Corporation, Burlington, New Jersey.*

According to the above-referenced report, this report documents a total of 21 previously undocumented historic architectural resources over 48 years of age within the study corridor (area of potential effects.) The 48 year cutoff was chosen, rather than 50, based on the

understanding that the intended project implementation will occur in 2017, at which time, those resources would be 50 years of age or older. The study corridor is 400 feet wide, chosen to account for minor changes that may occur in the pipeline alignment.

Of those 41 resources surveyed, 27 were recommended not eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP), 7 were recommended eligible, and an additional 7 needed more research to determine potential eligibility. The 41 resources outlined in this report represent only the 41 to which URS was given access for documentation and survey. Properties to which the surveyors were not granted access include known locally designated historic properties, as well as ones that are listed on or eligible for listing on the New Jersey and National Registers of Historic Places. According to the report summary, there are an additional 102 properties (tax parcels) that still need survey, 5 of which URS currently has permission to access and are planned for survey in October 2015.

The HPO concurs that the following 22 newly identified resources over 48 years of age are ineligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places:

- 646 Riegelsville Road, Holland Township, Hunterdon County (URS Field No. HU-0095)
- 626 Riegelsville Road, Holland Township, Hunterdon County (URS Field No. HU-0071)
- 111 Spring Garden Road, Holland Township, Hunterdon County (URS Field No. HU-0198)
- 100 Spring Garden Road (Block 24, Lot 6), Holland Township, Hunterdon County (URS Field No. HU-0196)
- 100 Spring Garden Road (Block 24, Lot 11), Holland Township, Hunterdon County (URS Field No. HU-0197)
- 284 Javes Road, Holland Township, Hunterdon County (URS Field No. HU-0072)
- 507 Milford-Mount Pleasant Road, Holland Township, Hunterdon County (URS Field No. HU-0073)
- 508 Milford-Mount Pleasant Road, Holland Township, Hunterdon County (URS Field No. HU-0074)
- 325 Stamets Road, Holland Township, Hunterdon County (URS Field No. HU-0185)
- 319 Stamets Road, Holland Township, Hunterdon County (URS Field No. HU-0186)
- 755 County Road 519, Kingwood Township, Hunterdon County (URS Field No. HU-0105)
- 189 Kingwood-Locktown Road, Kingwood Township, Hunterdon County (URS Field No. HU-0110)
- 32 Hewitt Road, Delaware Township, Hunterdon County (URS Field No. HU-0165)
- 45 Sanford Road, Delaware Township, Hunterdon County (URS Field No. HU-0216)
- 887 Sergeantsville Road, Delaware Township, Hunterdon County (URS Field No. HU-0193)
- 1454 Route 179, West Amwell Township, Hunterdon County (URS Field No. HU-0199)
- 32 Rocktown-Lamb Road, Delaware Township, Hunterdon County (URS Field No. HU-0171)

- 75 Valley Road, Hopewell Township, Mercer County (URS Field No. HU-0168)
- 1293 Bear Tavern Road, Hopewell Township, Mercer County (URS Field No. HU-0215)
- 324 Penn Harbourton Road, Hopewell Township, Mercer County (URS Field No. HU-0209)
- 1650 Reed Road, Hopewell Township, Mercer County (URS Field No. HU-0180)
- 1646 Reed Road, Hopewell Township, Mercer County (URS Field No. HU-0219)
- 24 Penn Lawrenceville Road, Hopewell Township, Mercer County (URS Field No. HU-0170)

No further survey work is necessary for the above-referenced properties.

The HPO furthermore concurs that the following resources may be eligible for listing on the NRHP and warrant intensive-level architectural survey:

- 83 Old River Road, Holland Township, Hunterdon County (URS Field No. HU-0070)
  - As noted in the survey forms, this property, the John Moore Farmhouse, was nominated to the NJ and NRHPs in 1979, but the nomination was tabled. Since that time, the exterior has been extensively altered. Intensive-level survey will help determine whether it still retains sufficient integrity for individual eligibility. In addition, this property lies within the original Barker Tract, which has recently been identified as a potentially eligible agricultural historic district or MPDF. The property's eligibility should also be assessed within this context, particularly if it no longer retains sufficient integrity for individual eligibility.
- 234 Riegelsville Road, Holland Township, Hunterdon County (URS Field No. HU-0148)
  - This property is also within the area known as the Barker Tract.
- 445 Miller Park Road, Holland Township, Hunterdon County (URS Field No. HU-0195)
  - Careful consideration should be taken when investigating the context for this property, which may be associated with the 20<sup>th</sup> century movement of artists, patrons, and other associated individuals, to this area from New York City and Philadelphia.
- 369 Stamets Road, Holland Township, Hunterdon County (URS Field No. HU-0075)
- 32 Kappus Road, Alexandria Township, Hunterdon County (URS Field No. HU-0094)
- 130 County Road 513, Alexandria Township, Hunterdon County (URS Field No. HU-0093)
- 97 Horseshoe Road, Kingwood Township, Hunterdon County (URS Field No. HU-0147)
- 155 Lower Creek Road, Delaware Township, Hunterdon County (URS Field No. HU-0210)
- Black River & Western Railroad, West Amwell Township, Hunterdon County (URS Field No. HU0191)
- Rock Road/Rocktown Road/The Road Along the Rocks, West Amwell Township, Hunterdon County (URS Field No. HU-0221)

- 87 Valley Road, Hopewell Township, Mercer County (URS Field No. ME-0172)
- 349 Penn Titusville Road, Hopewell Township, Mercer County (URS Field No. ME-0190)
- 1653 Reed Road, Hopewell Township, Mercer County (URS Field No. ME-0181)
  - The HPO is particularly interested in the builder of this house as it may relate to the property's significance.
- Joseph B. Blackwell Farm, 135 Blackwell Road, Hopewell Township, Mercer County (URS Field No. ME-0218)

The HPO respectfully disagrees with the report's assessment that the following resources do not merit further investigation, and requests intensive-level survey of these properties, in addition to the 14 above-referenced properties, identified by the consultant:

- 504 Milford-Mount Pleasant Road, Holland Township, Hunterdon County (URS Field No. HU-0194)
  - Although significantly altered, based upon the early date of construction given for the stone portion of the building, this property warrants additional investigation to determine both integrity and potential associations, which may render it significant under one or more of the NRHP Criteria.
- 173 Horseshoe Bend Road, Kingwood Township, Hunterdon County (URS Field No. HU-0184)
  - Analysis by HPO architectural historians indicates that this structure may have been built earlier than 1880, based upon the history of this building type in Hunterdon County, although additional details were difficult to discern based on the angle and distance of photos, along with vegetation.
- James Lambert House, 1465 Route 179, West Amwell Township, Hunterdon County (URS Field No. HU-0207)
  - Despite additions and some alterations, the reconnaissance-level survey forms for this property do not adequately justify its lack of inclusion on the intensive-level survey list.
- 108 Old Route 518 East, West Amwell Township, Hunterdon County (URS Field No. HU-0208)
  - Based upon the date of construction given for this dwelling, the HPO believes that this property may also be associated with the art community in Hunterdon County in the 20<sup>th</sup> century. Although the house does not appear to be significant architecturally, the property may be associated with significant person(s).

In addition to the newly identified historic resources (and the Joseph B. Blackwell, which was issued a SHPO Opinion of Eligibility on June 23, 1982) the report noted that there were 8 properties listed on or eligible for listing on the NRHP within the project's APE:

- Bunns Valley Agricultural Historic District (SHPO Opinion: 5/3/2004)

- Rosemont Rural Agricultural Historic District (NR: 6/18/2010; SR: 2/10/2010)
- Inch Lines Linear Multistate Historic District (SHPO Opinion: 8/31/1993)
- Pleasant Valley Historic District (NR: 6/14/1991; SR: 4/12/1991)
- Oldis (Smith-Mershon) Farm (SHPO Opinion: 5/17/2014)
- Delaware & Bound Brook Railroad Historic District (SHPO Opinion: 9/9/2005)
- NJ Route 31 Circle (Pennington Circle) (SHPO Opinion: 9/21/2010)

According to the report, survey of the above-referenced properties within the APE was incomplete as of September 2015 when the report was printed.

The report text states that one source of background research for surveyed properties was local historic preservation commissions. It was noted that when available online, a list of locally designated historic properties was obtained for survey. In order to identify all possible local sources, URS should consult with municipalities directly to obtain lists of local historic properties when that information is not readily available online. This will ensure that no locally significant properties, which may not be recognized at the state and federal level, are included in survey efforts.

As noted above, a potential new historic district has been brought to the HPO's attention in Holland Township, Hunterdon County. The Barker Tract, which was described in the 1979 John Moore House NRHP nomination form, is currently being evaluated, and its context is important to many of the properties in Holland Township.

### **Additional Comments**

The submitted reconnaissance-level survey report meet's the HPO's *Guidelines for Architectural Survey*. The report is well laid out, and the HPO appreciates the clear and concise manner in which the survey data were reported for our review. We look forward to receiving the additional reconnaissance-level survey reports in this format. Please note that for properties that have been documented as part of Hunterdon County's Historic Sites Survey, individual files reside with the Hunterdon County Heritage and Cultural Commission in Flemington.

The HPO concurs that for those properties to which URS surveyors are unable to gain access permission, and are unlikely to be adversely affected by the PennEast Pipeline project, no further survey will be necessary, unless there are subsequent changes to project scope or alignment that may change the assessment of effects. Properties that fall into this category shall be noted in a future report for formal concurrence by the HPO prior to project implementation.

Thank you for providing the opportunity to review and comment on the potential for the above-referenced undertaking to affect historic properties. The HPO looks forward to receiving additional reconnaissance and intensive-level survey reports to complete identification of historic properties pursuant to 36 CFR § 800.4 from URS. If you have any questions regarding historic architecture, please contact Michelle Craren of my staff at (609) 292-0032) or [michelle.craren@dep.nj.gov](mailto:michelle.craren@dep.nj.gov). Please reference the HPO Project Number 14-4462 in any future

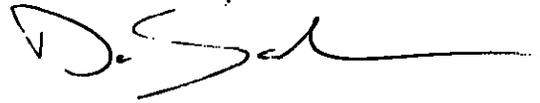
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calls, emails, or written correspondence in order to expedite our review and response. Thank you.

Sincerely,

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Preservation Officer

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