

MEETING MINUTES

PennEast Pipeline Company, LLC (PennEast) (Applicant)

Docket Number PF15-1-000

PennEast Pipeline Project

Bi-Weekly Conference Call

DATE July 23, 2015 10:30 AM (EDT)

Schedule/Reminders

- Next call: Wednesday, August 5th at 10:30 AM

Attendees

FERC	Tetra Tech	PennEast	Agencies
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Medha Kochhar Alisa Lykens Jennifer Kerrigan Nancy Fox-Fernandez Eric Howard Kandilarya Barakat 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sean Sparks John Scott Nathalie Schils 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Anthony Cox Mike Mara Alisa Harris Dante D'Alessandro Brian Woodard Jeff England Bernie Holcomb Jon West Randy Bostick (Quanta Engineering) Jay Seegers (Vinson & Elkins) Mike Wilcox Steve Johnson Jack Herbert Walter Judge (PS&S) Jen Gorini (PS&S) Marilyn Lennon (PS&S) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Glenn Weitknecht (USACE) Thomas Uybarreta (EPA) Karen Gentile (PHMSA) Alex Dankanich (PHMSA) Kayla Easler (USFWS) Pamela Shellenberger (USFWS) Jeremy Markuson (USFWS) Ruth Foster (NJDEP) Jessie West-Rosenthal (NJ SHPO) Steven Bruder (NJ State Ag. Devt. Committee) JoDale Legg (NJDEP Land Use Regulation) David Pepe (NJDEP) Mike Palmquist (NJDEP) Margaret Nordstrom (NJ Highlands) Keri Benscoter (NJ Highlands) Chris Danis (NJ Highlands) Pam Bush (Delaware River Basin Commission) David Kovach (Delaware River Basin Commission)

Discussion Items

Topic	
1.	<p>PennEast Status Updates</p> <p><u>Project Updates</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Customers and Interconnecting Parties - Final compressor station sites under evaluation in Carbon County - Updates to route change - Alternatives evaluated for the Appalachian Trail - Revised alignments sheets and maps <p><u>Land and Environmental Updates</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Survey access updates - Survey progress updates <p><u>Engineering Updates</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Re-Routes and/or deviations resulting from comments <p><u>Outreach</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Update on agency and county meetings - Revised mailing list - Letters to no-mores and new landowners <p><u>Resource Reports</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Revisions to draft Resource Reports with updated information due to route changes
2.	<p>FERC Status Updates</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Tracking and logging comments (approximately 105 comment letters received since June 24, 2015) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Sourland Conservancy (20150630-5150) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Request communication from PennEast - Fairfax Hutter (20150702-5098) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Discrepancies in threatened and endangered species data - New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (20150713-0076) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Discrepancies in draft Resource Reports 3 and 8
3.	Other items

FERC Updates

- Review of comments received on the FERC eLibrary is ongoing.
 - Approximately 105 comment letters received since June 24, 2015.
 - PennEast will reach out to Sourland Conservancy.
 - PennEast appreciates the comments received and will address any discrepancies in revised draft Resource Reports.
- FERC will conduct a flyover of the proposed route next week.

PennEast Updates

- PennEast submitted updated maps to FERC on July 22, 2015 which included several re-routes. The website will be updated accordingly.
 - One of the two more significant re-routes is associated with quarry activities; the second is associated with the proposed crossing of Appalachian Trail which has been moved to a parcel that is not owned by federal agency, and to accommodate a new interconnection (Blue Mountain Interconnect).
- Letters to affected landowners will be mailed today or tomorrow and the updated mailing list will be submitted to FERC at the same time.
 - Approximately 30 new landowners are affected.
 - Re-route is approximately 5 miles long; however, the majority of this length is on property owned by Blue Mountain Ski Resort or Pennsylvania Game Commission. PennEast is already working with both of these landowners.
- Surveys are ongoing.
 - Survey permission has been granted for approximately 73.4 percent of the route in Pennsylvania and approximately 31.8 percent of the route in New Jersey (61.9 percent overall).
 - In Pennsylvania, for parcels where survey permission has been granted PennEast has completed 98 percent of wetland surveys and 99 percent of cultural surveys. Additionally, rare, threatened and endangered (RTE) frog, snake, and woodrat surveys are complete for these parcels. RTE plant surveys are 95 percent complete; RTE bat surveys are 67.3 percent complete; Phase 1 RTE turtle surveys are 96 percent complete; and, Phase 2 RTE turtle surveys are 87 percent complete.
 - In New Jersey, for parcels where survey permission has been granted PennEast has completed 80 percent of wetland surveys and 93.4 percent of cultural surveys. RTE plant surveys are 56 percent complete and RTE bat surveys are 19 percent complete.
- Outreach:
 - PennEast had a meeting with NJDEP on July 2nd and discussed regulatory process, co-location efforts, and survey access. PennEast has a follow-up meeting scheduled with NJDEP for next week.
 - PennEast had a pre-application with USACE at Beltsville Lake facility on July 16th.
 - PennEast had a pre-application meeting Pennsylvania DEP and DRBC, USACE and four county conservation districts on July 13th and to discuss regulatory process, requirements for public participation, and coordination with conservation districts. PADEP had no concerns on the compressor station location and/or permits.
 - PennEast met with PennDOT on July 20th to discuss survey permissions and permitting process for road crossings.
 - PennEast met with Pennsylvania Game Commission on July 22nd.

- PennEast met with a number of officials from Holland, Kingwood, and Delaware townships and Mercer County to provide a Project update in late June and mid-July.
- A meeting is scheduled with Trout Unlimited on August 4th.
- PennEast is planning to submit revised drafts of Resource Reports 1, 8, 9 and 10 to the FERC eLibrary for review and comment.

Agency Input

- NJDEP: Has PennEast missed any survey windows because of the re-routes, specifically in New Jersey?
 - PennEast: Phase I bog turtle surveys have been completed; however, the window for Phase 2 bog turtle surveys is closed so additional surveys, if needed, would be conducted next year. The survey windows for rare, threatened, and endangered bats and rare, threatened, and endangered plants are still open.
- NJDEP: What is PennEast's response to Mercer County rescinding survey permission?
 - PennEast is continuing to work with Mercer County and New Jersey state agencies to determine next steps.
- NJDEP: Requests notification of permit applications as well as ongoing updates of survey activities.
 - PennEast will include NJDEP in future notifications.
- NJ Highlands: When will PennEast meet with NJ Highlands? Interested in percent of survey completion in the NJ Highlands region.

Questions/Additional Comments from FERC

- FERC: Will PennEast schedule additional open houses to address re-routes?

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