

MEETING MINUTES

PennEast Pipeline Company, LLC (PennEast) (Applicant)

Docket Number PF15-1-000

PennEast Pipeline Project

Bi-Weekly Conference Call

DATE May 27, 2015 10:30 AM (EDT)

Schedule/Reminders

- Next call: Wednesday, June 10 at 10:30 AM

Attendees

FERC	Tetra Tech	PennEast	Agencies
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Medha KochharAlisa LykensJennifer KerriganNancy Fox-FernandezEric HowardKandilarya Barakat	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Sean SparksJohn ScottNathalie Schils	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Anthony CoxMike MaraAlisa HarrisDante D'AlessandroBrian WoodardJeff EnglandBernie Holcomb (URS)Jon West (URS)Randy Bostick (Quanta Engineering)Jay Seegers (Vinson & Elkins)Mike WilcoxSteve Johnson	<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)Robin Madden (NJ Natural & Historic Resources)Jessie West-Rosenthal (NJ SHPO)Michael Palmquist (NJDEP)Timothy Brill (NJ State Ag. Devt. Committee)Patrick Sheppard (NJDEP)Kevin Appelget (NJ Green Acres)Margaret Nordstrom (NJ Highlands)Keri Bencotter (NJ Highlands)David Kovach (Delaware River Basin Commission)Walter Judge (PS&S)

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 - Alternative Compressor Station sites under evaluation in Carbon County <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
2.	<p>FERC Status Updates</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Cooperating agency letters sent May 5 - Resource Report review ongoing - Tracking and logging comments (approximately 55 comment letters received since May 13, 2015) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Letter regarding variances in map sources in Frenchtown and Kingwood Township, NJ (20150522-5139) - Francis E. Walter Dam (20150518-0123)
3.	<p>Other items</p>

FERC Updates

- Review of the draft Resource Reports is ongoing.
- Review of comments received on the FERC eLibrary is ongoing.
 - Letter from Michael Spille (20150522-5139)
 - PennEast: There is an error in the GoogleEarth source basemap that incorrectly shows the border of Frenchtown, New Jersey. The topographic maps provided on the PennEast website are correct.
 - Letter regarding Francis E. Walter Dam and Beltzville Lake (20150518-0123)
 - The PennEast proposed route is approximately 3 miles upstream of the dam and approximately 4 miles upstream of the Beltzville Dam.
 - PennEast has been in consultation with U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) and will continue to follow up on proposed crossing of USACE-owned/managed properties.
 - PennEast also needs to determine potential recreational impacts.

- FERC: Section 408 permit may be required. Additional information should be provided in Resource Reports if any federally-owned parcels are crossed.

PennEast Updates

- No updates on customers and interconnecting parties. Increase from one existing customer brings total contracted capacity to 990,000,000 cubic feet of natural per day.
- Negotiations on an option agreement are ongoing with the second potential compressor station site. Site visit will be conducted with landowner shortly.
- Surveys access/progress:
 - Survey permission has been granted for approximately 59.1 percent of the proposed route, with 71.4 percent permission granted in Pennsylvania and 33.7 percent granted in New Jersey.
 - Wetlands surveys have been completed for 100 percent of parcels in Pennsylvania for which permission has been granted. Wetlands surveys have been completed for 45 percent of parcels in New Jersey for which permission has been granted.
 - Archaeology surveys have been completed for 70 percent of parcels in Pennsylvania for which permission has been granted. Architecture/history surveys have been completed for 77 percent of parcels in Pennsylvania for which permission has been granted.
 - Archaeology surveys have been completed for 88 percent of parcels in New Jersey for which permission has been granted. Architecture/history surveys have been completed for 97 percent of parcels in New Jersey for which permission has been granted.
 - Rare, threatened and endangered species are ongoing. PennEast is coordinating with regulatory agencies as needed.
 - Phase I bog turtle surveys have been completed in Pennsylvania for parcels for which survey permission has been granted. Phase 2 bog turtle surveys are being conducted currently.
 - Rattlesnake and cricket frog surveys are ongoing.
- PennEast is currently evaluating minor variations based on stakeholder input and field survey results. No significant variations have been adopted.
- A series of seven landowner meetings have been scheduled in Pennsylvania in the Wilkes-Barre, Carbon County and Lehigh Valley areas in June 2015.
- A meeting with Pennsylvania Game Commission was conducted with regards to the Appalachian Trail crossing. Outreach is ongoing to other agencies with regards to the Appalachian Trail crossing.
- A meeting will be held with New Jersey State Agricultural Development Committee and local representatives on June 2nd to discuss agricultural impacts and preserved farm lands.

Agency Input

- Tom Uybarreta (EPA): Another project that is in the pre-filing process (Mountain Valley Pipeline) is also proposed to cross the Appalachian Trail.
- Steve Kovach (Delaware River Basin Commission): The Delaware River Basin Commission Comprehensive Plan includes properties in Walter E. Francis Dam and Beltzille Lake as recreational use sites.
- Robin Madden (NJDEP, Natural & Historical Resources): What is the nature of ownership for parcels in New Jersey for which permission has been granted? Natural & Historical Resources is concerned about the Natural Lands Trust preserve parcels. Survey guidelines have been provided to PennEast.
- Ruth Foster (NJDEP): Concerned about the schedule for review of draft Resource Reports and lack of complete survey data. NJDEP plans to submit comments by June 15th. NJDEP cannot issue necessary land use permits unless surveys are complete and all departments have been given adequate time and information to provide comments. NJDEP expects PennEast to provide information on various proposed construction methods and an explanation for why certain methods will be used, especially with regards to waterbody crossings.
- Jesse West-Rosenthal (NJ SHPO): NJ SHPO anticipates that further consultation will be required post-Application, with regards to impacts to cultural resources and mitigation.
- Timothy Brill (NJ State Agricultural Development Committee): Are there any plans for additional public meetings during the pre-filing period for this Project?
- NJDEP: What is the status of the parcel title search?
 - PennEast is currently conducting extensive parcel title search and will provide additional information in subsequent Resource Reports.
- Jeremy Markuson (USFWS): What is the status of northern long-eared bat and Phase I bog turtle survey efforts in New Jersey?
 - PennEast: Surveys for northern long-eared bat surveys have not been initiated in New Jersey due to lack of survey permission. Status of Phase I bog turtle surveys will be provided in direct consultation with agency as a follow-up.
- New Jersey Highlands Council: The NJ Highlands Council provided a letter on May 14th to PennEast regarding draft Resource Reports; however, there is no discussion of potential impacts to New Jersey Highlands resources in the draft Resource Reports.
 - PennEast is reviewing information that was provided and will be in communication with New Jersey Highlands Council shortly.

Questions/Additional Comments from FERC

- FERC: Who owns, and manages, the parcel at Appalachian Trail crossing location? FERC has received several comments with regards to the proposed crossing location.

- PennEast: There is a discrepancy between map sources on who owns the parcel between Tuthill Corporation and the Pennsylvania Game Commission. PennEast is consulting with Department of Interior to determine exact ownership and management. It is definitely not “owned in fee” by the National Park Service.
- FERC: What is the status of coordination with Susquehanna River Basin Commission?
 - PennEast had a meeting with Commission several months ago and is working with engineering to study crossing methodologies and hydrostatic testing needs.