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Ms. Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary  
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission  
888 First Street, N.E.  
Washington, DC 20426

Re: 

Dear Secretary Bose:

There have been some claims that the region doesn't need any more pipeline capacity. As a member of Pennsylvania's House Environmental Resources and Energy Committee, I can tell you this couldn't be further from the truth. Given stable, affordable long-term pricing forecasts for natural gas, there is great demand for the fuel across Pennsylvania and the region.

This demand is especially true in the power sector. The Energy Information Administration lists 1,800 megawatts of gas-fired capacity being added in Pennsylvania between now and 2018, and many other gas-fired plants are being proposed in nearby states. Still others are planned beyond 2018.

PennEast has estimated that had its pipeline been in operation during the winter of 2013/2014, consumers would have saved \$893 million in gas and electricity costs. Since this project will likely not go into service until 2019, unfortunately this means that two more winters will pass before eastern Pennsylvania and New Jersey residents can tap the benefits PennEast will deliver.

The PennEast Pipeline Project will help grow the region's economy (e.g. attract new businesses, lower energy costs and provide new career opportunities for our young people) and ensure greater natural gas (and electric) reliability. The PennEast Pipeline will prove to be a vital energy gateway. Please help us to break the region's natural gas bottlenecks by bringing the PennEast Pipeline into service.

Very truly yours,

Jeff Pyle, State Representative  
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