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Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary  
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission  
888 First Street Northeast, Room 1A  
Washington, DC 20426

RE: Docket CP15-588-000 Proposed PennEast Pipeline Project  
Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS)

Dear Ms. Bose:

On behalf of the Rosemont Water Company (RWC; a Public Community Water System located in Delaware Township, New Jersey), I am writing to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) to express our gravest concerns relative to the above referenced proposed project and the DEIS released for public comment.

Based upon hours of reviewing this document, attachments and PennEast's own work product, no reference to our public water supply system and wells located within 0.8 miles of the proposed pipeline route (on or around mile marker 92.5) can be found. Although not delineated or defined, the proposed project may in fact traverse the RWC's Wellhead Protection Area. A hydro-geologic study is clearly needed prior to factually supporting any claim or conclusion that there will be "no significant impact" to ground water caused by the project. The failure to recognize this, coupled with the critical importance of our company to supply clean, potable drinking water to our community demands that FERC cannot overlook this poor assessment by PennEast, nor approve the DEIS.

Several issues are of extreme importance:

- The Stockton Formation is generally considered unconfined and, as such, contains a sole source aquifer;
- No reasonable cross-connections to alternative water supplies are available;
- Agelong pipelines and in-ground storage tank are extremely vulnerable to any vibratory disturbances (e.g., blasting, or increased heavy truck traffic); and
- Potential disruptions of the local bedrock formation and associated aquifer may therefore threaten both well yields and aquifer water quality.

The RWC has successfully operated as one of the State's smallest, public water companies since the 1960s. With the addition of an arsenic removal system we are in compliance with NJDEP drinking water quality standards. ANY compromise of our system or sole water source will leave more than 80 households without water. This is an unacceptable risk.

Given the above information along with our earlier submission(s) during the scoping phase of the EIS process, an approval by FERC of the DEIS (which lacks a significant amount of factual information) would arguably constitute an act of willful negligence.

We trust you will give this communication serious consideration and ask FERC to directly reply to the undersigned at the email address contained in our registration information.

Sincerely,

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Robert M. Wolfertz, for the Board of Directors  
(Board Member, Former President and Licensed Operator)

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