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

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Re: Docket No. PF15-1-000

Dear Secretary Bose,

I write today regarding an application submitted by the PennEast Pipeline Company LLC to construct a natural gas pipeline from Luzerne County, Pennsylvania, to Mercer County, New Jersey. My office has been informed that the project could transport up to one billion cubic feet of natural gas per day and result in reduced energy costs for millions of natural gas and electric consumers in eastern Pennsylvania and New Jersey. As you know, there simply is not enough infrastructure in place to meet domestic demand for natural gas, and the proposed PennEast pipeline could help alleviate this shortcoming and create more economic opportunities and jobs for Pennsylvanians.

Our nation's lack of adequate energy infrastructure becomes painfully evident during the cold winter months. In January 2014, Pennsylvania experienced harsh weather conditions that—combined with a lack of natural gas infrastructure—caused energy prices to spike. Estimates suggest that eastern Pennsylvania and New Jersey residents could have saved \$893 million in gas and electric bills that winter had additional pipeline infrastructure been available.¹

Furthermore, developing energy infrastructure projects in Pennsylvania and the Mid-Atlantic area will make the region more attractive to manufacturers and other large users of natural gas. When so many hardworking American families are still struggling to make ends meet, the federal government should take into consideration a project's potential to boost economic growth and create good-paying jobs.

Pipeline projects deserve a careful and thorough review process accounting for environmental, safety, and regulatory concerns. Please give all due consideration to the proposed PennEast pipeline project and utilize all resources accessible to FERC for this review. My staff is available should you have any questions or concerns regarding this matter.

Sincerely,



Pat Toomey
U.S. Senator

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¹ "Estimated Energy Market Savings From Additional Pipeline Infrastructure Serving Eastern Pennsylvania and New Jersey." Concentric Energy Advisors. March 2015.

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