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VIA ELECTRONIC FILING

The Honorable Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
888 First Street, N.E., Room 1-A
Washington, D.C. 20426

**Re: PennEast Pipeline Company, LLC – Docket No. CP15-558-000
Motion to Intervene and Comments in Support**

Dear Ms. Bose:

Enclosed for filing is a Motion to Intervene and Comments in Support on behalf of South Jersey Gas Company in the above-captioned proceeding.

Please acknowledge receipt of this submission.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Respectfully submitted,

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Enclosures

**UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
BEFORE THE
FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION**

PennEast Pipeline Company, LLC

Docket No. CP15-558-000

**MOTION TO INTERVENE AND COMMENTS
OF SOUTH JERSEY GAS COMPANY**

Pursuant to Rules 212 and 214 of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's ("FERC") Rules of Practice and Procedure, South Jersey Gas Company ("SJG") hereby moves to intervene and comment in the above-captioned proceeding concerning the application for the PennEast Project filed by PennEast Pipeline Company, LLC ("PennEast") on September 24, 2015 to provide up to 1,107,000 dekatherms per day ("Dth/day") of new natural gas transportation capacity to consumers in New Jersey and Pennsylvania. As a shipper under the PennEast Project, SJG will receive 105,000 Dth/day of the new capacity to be constructed by PennEast, and SJG supports PennEast's application for approval by August 1, 2016. In support thereof, SJG respectfully states the following:

INTERVENTION

1. All communications with respect to this pleading should be served on the following persons:

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2. SJG is a subsidiary of South Jersey Industries, Inc. and is a local natural gas distribution utility that provides natural gas service to over 369,000 retail residential, commercial and industrial

customers in several counties in the southern portion of the State of New Jersey. SJG is a PennEast Project shipper having entered into a precedent agreement with PennEast for 105,000 Dth/day of firm transportation service for a term of 15 years.

3. On September 24, 2015, PennEast filed an application to construct, own and operate a new natural gas pipeline system comprising of 114 miles of 36-inch diameter mainline transmission pipeline extending from Luzerne County, Pennsylvania to Mercer County, New Jersey, along with associated facilities, with the capacity to transport up to 1,107,000 Dth/day of new natural gas supplies to energy consumers in New Jersey and Pennsylvania markets.
4. As a shipper that PennEast will serve with 105,000 Dth/day of firm transportation under the PennEast Project, SJG is interested in and will be directly affected by the outcome of the instant proceeding. SJG's interests cannot be adequately represented and protected by any other party. Therefore, SJG believes that FERC should grant SJG permission to intervene in the instant proceeding.

BASIS FOR SUPPORT OF THE PENNEAST APPLICATION

As described in PennEast's application, through construction, ownership and operation of the PennEast Project, PennEast seeks to provide up to 1,107,000 Dth/day of new firm natural gas transportation capacity from receipt points in the eastern Marcellus region of Pennsylvania to delivery points in the New Jersey and Pennsylvania natural gas-consuming markets, including service to SJG and the other major local gas distribution companies in New Jersey. PennEast plans to construct the PennEast Project in a manner and on a schedule such that 105,000 Dth/day of needed capacity will be available to SJG beginning on November 1, 2017. As a New Jersey local gas distribution company, SJG has a statutory obligation to

provide safe and reliable service to its customers and SJG's participation in PennEast as a shipper is an integral part of its commitment to both its customers and regulators to satisfy that obligation.

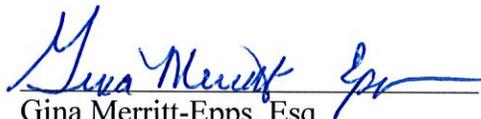
Further, SJG utilizes natural gas capacity from the pipeline to support the needs of its system. In recent years, demand for natural gas has increased significantly – both from the gas-fired electric generation market, as well as the consumer market serving residential, commercial and industrial customers. This project, undoubtedly, will improve natural gas reliability for not only SJG and customers served in southern New Jersey, but for other Pennsylvania and New Jersey residents and businesses by delivering an additional one billion cubic feet of natural gas per day to nearly five million customers.

The added capacity will help to greatly alleviate situations similar to what occurred during the bitterly cold winter in early 2014. Natural gas prices in New Jersey traded as high as \$100 per dekatherm during that time while gas prices in the area that PennEast will access traded in the range of \$3 to \$4 per dekatherm. This pipeline will help to greatly reduce volatility, which will be a significant benefit to all customers it serves. Savings realized by customers from this project will have a positive effect on the region's economy, especially in New Jersey, where energy costs rank among the highest in the country.

Finally, in addition to the benefits of lower cost natural gas for customers, the project will provide other economic benefits, including approximately 2,500 jobs primarily during construction, as well as added revenues for local businesses along or near the pipeline route. Given the numerous economic, environmental and reliability benefits, SJG strongly supports this vital project.

WHEREFORE, for the foregoing reasons, SJG respectfully requests that (i) SJG be granted permission to intervene as a party to this proceeding with all rights appropriate to that status; and (ii) that for the foregoing reasons, the Commission expeditiously approve the PennEast Project by no later than August 1, 2016 so that PennEast is able to begin serving SJG and more than half million homes and businesses that it serves with the State of New Jersey by November 1, 2017, as planned.

Respectfully submitted,



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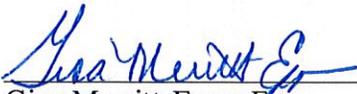
Date: October 29, 2015

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I have this day served the foregoing document on the applicant,

PennEast Pipeline Company, LLC.

Dated this 29th day of October, 2015.

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