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

Re: Support Letter for PennEast Pipeline, Docket No. CP15-558-000

Dear Ms. Bose:

Talen Energy Corporation ("Talen Energy"), through one of its subsidiaries, Talen Energy Marketing LLC, which has executed a Precedent Agreement to become a shipper on the proposed PennEast Pipeline, respectfully submits this letter in support of this important natural gas infrastructure project.

Indirectly owned subsidiaries of Talen Energy own or control about 16,000 megawatts of competitive power generation in eight states. A significant percentage of that generation portfolio is powered by natural gas and is located in eastern Pennsylvania and New Jersey, which is the region that will see the most direct benefit from the PennEast Pipeline. In addition, Talen Energy Marketing LLC serves retail natural gas customers in this area. The addition of the PennEast contract to the portfolio will further enhance reliable delivery of natural gas to the end-use customers and generation assets of Talen Energy affiliate companies.

The PennEast Pipeline will be a valuable energy infrastructure asset for the Northeast region. It will provide direct access to low-cost natural gas resources, enabling homes and businesses to enjoy long-term affordable electricity and natural gas supply.

The project will help to support the growing demand for natural gas in the power generation and industrial sectors. With wind and solar generation gearing up to provide a larger portion of PJM's future power needs, the intermittent nature of those sources makes access to natural gas for efficient, quick-starting generating facilities essential to reliable electricity supply.

It is our hope that the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission and the other pertinent agencies will grant the necessary permits needed for this vital infrastructure project to proceed. We appreciate the opportunity, as a prospective PennEast shipper and operator of gas-fired power generating facilities in the region, to support and provide input on the PennEast Pipeline project.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Clarence J. Hopf, Jr.", written over a white background.

Clarence J. Hopf, Jr.

Senior Vice President-Fossil Generation and Chief Commercial Officer

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I have this day served the foregoing document upon each person designated on the official service list compiled by the Secretary in this proceeding.

Dated at Washington, D.C. this 18th day of August, 2016.

s/ William Zema
William Zema