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

Re: PennEast Pipeline Company's PennEast Project, Docket No. CP15-558

Based on the information provided, the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) has determined that the proposed project will impact one NRCS held easement, the Setzer property in Northampton County. The Setzer easement is a 273.29 acre easement permanent easement preserved through the Federal USDA/NRCS Farm and Ranch Lands Protection Program (FRPP). The easement was executed on April 12, 1999 in Northampton County.

The FRPP program protects valuable farm and ranch lands for future generations. The purpose of the FRPP program is to

protect agricultural use and related conservation values
of eligible land by limiting nonagricultural uses of the land.

Under the terms of the FRPP easement, granting of easement acreage by the landowner for a right of way (ROW) for specific utilities is permitted, as stated in Part 4, "Utilities," of the FRPP easement deed. However, the FRPP deed does not permit the granting of acreage for any other activity disturbing the surface of the land or prime, unique, or statewide important farmland soils. Part 4, "Utilities," of the easement deed states that construction activity of any kind other than for the utilities specifically listed in Part 4 is prohibited.

As such, NRCS requests that PennEast avoid the Setzer easement to the extent practicable and possible by minimizing temporary workspace, restoring all soil in the order removed, and will not use any area within the NRCS held easement staging in any capacity.



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If you have any questions or concerns please contact Hathaway Jones, Easement Coordinator, at 717-2210 or Hathaway.jones@pa.usda.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Denise Coleman".

**Denise Coleman
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