

# Blue Mountain

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

Docket: CP15-558-000

Dear Secretary Bose:

For more than 40 years, Blue Mountain has helped fuel Carbon County's economy. Today, the resort serves roughly 470,000 visitors per year – visitors that spend money throughout the county. Like any other business, Blue Mountain's success is predicated on growing revenue and reducing costs.

To grow revenue (and hire additional employees, increase wages, pay more taxes, etc.), we are pursuing a new spa/hot springs/waterpark that will further make us a year-round attraction. With respect to costs, it may come as no surprise that our second highest cost is energy. This combination of growth and reducing energy costs is where the PennEast Pipeline and affordable natural gas will be a positive game-changer.

The PennEast Pipeline is vital to our expansion; the waterpark alone will result in \$30 million in local construction, 22 full-time employees, 692 part-time jobs and up to 3,000 visitors a day during the summer. The PennEast Pipeline will fuel a new combined heat and power (CHP) facility, allowing us to produce our own electricity and hot water for our new pools and buildings. The CHP plant is more efficient and cleaner than many utility power plants, which we think is particularly important for a ski area where over 90% of our guests are outdoor enthusiasts and environmentally conscious. During the spring, summer and fall, we will export electricity from the CHP plant to the grid, making the grid more efficient and cleaner.

Before the PennEast Pipeline, we would have needed over two miles of pipe, including crossing a stream and building a regulator station, which is lot of construction cost and environmental disruption for one customer. By tapping into PennEast, we will get gas from a pipeline that serves many customers, reducing our costs and additional environmental disruption.

Again, the PennEast Pipeline will be a welcome game-changer for Blue Mountain. We encourage the Commission to approve the PennEast Pipeline, and help us cut our energy bills in half and expand our "Mountains of Fun."

Sincerely,



Barbara Green, CEO/President  
Blue Mountain Resort