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April 14, 2015

The Honorable Cheryl A. LaFleur, Chairman
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
888 First Street NE, Room 1A
Washington, DC 20426

Re: Docket No. PF15-1-000 Proposed PennEast Pipeline Project
PennEast Pipeline Company LLC
Delaware Township, Hunterdon County, NJ
Omissions in the Scoping Comments

Dear Chairwoman LaFleur:

The Delaware Township Committee, the Delaware Township Quarry Compliance Committee, the Delaware Township Open Space Committee and the Delaware Township Environmental Commission submitted comments to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) on the proposed PennEast Pipeline under Docket No. PF15-1-000 during the scoping period. PennEast responded to the scoping comments on March 13, 2015.

Delaware Township reviewed PennEast's March 13, 2015 submission and found that the majority of responses by PennEast were boilerplate/canned responses. In addition, several of the issues raised by Delaware Township were not even addressed by PennEast. Delaware Township spent considerable time and resources preparing these scoping comments so having PennEast ignore and not acknowledge Delaware Township's concerns is extremely disingenuous and disheartening.

Below is a listing of Delaware Townships' scoping comments that were not addressed.

Missing Scoping Comments:

FSL 10 Cultural and Historic Resources

PennEast failed to address/acknowledge that comments had been submitted regarding the presence of historic structures or sites. Delaware Township presented a detailed accounting of historic structures and sites along the proposed pipeline. See Delaware Township Committee's February 10, 2015 submission.

PennEast continues to refer to the Rosemont Rural Agricultural District (ID# 4591) as the "Rosemont Ridge Agricultural Development District" despite several submissions over the past 6 months that the Delaware Township Committee has made regarding this Listed National Historic District. See Delaware Township Committee's February 10, 2015 submission.

FSL 14 Lands Conserved with Public Funds

Both the Delaware Township Committee and the Delaware Township Open Space Committee made detailed separate submissions on February 24, 2015 regarding the lands in the township that were conserved with public funds. Yet, PennEast failed to document that Delaware Township had made any comments.

FSL 27 Abandoned Mines

PennEast only acknowledged "abandoned/historic mines" in this section. And while Delaware Township is mentioned, PennEast apparently did not read the Delaware Township's Quarry Compliance's submission dated February 23, 2015.

In this submission, the Delaware Township Quarry Compliance Committee provided information about an active quarry located in close proximity to both proposed routes of the pipeline. "Active" means that the operations, which include blasting of the diabase rock, are ongoing and not "historic" or "abandoned".

The Delaware Township Quarry Compliance Committee had requested that PennEast be required to conduct an engineering/safety study on the effect on the blasting at this active quarry would have on the proposed pipelines. PennEast's response failed to acknowledge this active quarry nor did PennEast propose to conduct an engineering/safety study on the effects of the blasting on the proposed pipeline.

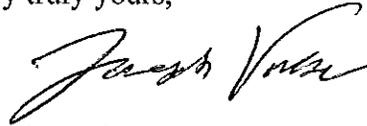
FSL 30 Eminent Domain

PennEast failed to address/acknowledge that comments had been submitted by Delaware Township regarding eminent domain. See Delaware Township Committee's February 24, 2015 submission.

Delaware Township hopes that FERC will ensure that PennEast adequately addresses ALL of the township's concerns and that PennEast prepares thorough and detailed Resource Reports that address the specific concerns raised by all stakeholders, including Delaware Township, so that a valid and thorough Environmental Impact Statement can ultimately be prepared.

And finally, on March 26, 2015 PennEast made a submission to FERC responding to scoping comments that were submitted between March 7, 2015 and March 20, 2015, including those raised at the five scoping meetings. In this submission, PennEast indicated that their responses are in Appendix A. However, there is no Appendix A that was posted on the FERC website. How can interested stakeholders review PennEast's submission when FERC has not posted the submission in its entirety? The Delaware Township Committee is requesting that FERC immediately post the entire March 26, 2015 PennEast submission.

Very truly yours,



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