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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  
Rosemont Rural Agricultural District (ID#4591)  
Delaware Township, Hunterdon County, NJ

Dear Chairwoman LaFleur:

On December 9, 2014 the Delaware Township Committee sent a letter to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) regarding the township's specific concerns about the proposed project's intention to carve a footprint through the Rosemont Rural Agricultural District (ID#4591). PennEast Pipeline LLC was copied on this letter.

In the December 9, 2014 letter, the township detailed how the Rosemont Rural Agricultural District (ID#4591) was listed on both the New Jersey Register of Historic Places and entered into the National Park's Service's National Register of Historic Places.

The Delaware Township Committee sent additional detailed comments to FERC regarding the Rosemont Rural Agricultural District (ID#4591) in a February 24, 2015 submission. Again, PennEast Pipeline LLC was copied on this submission.

But despite being provided with this information, PennEast continues to refer to this historic district as the "Rosemont Ridge Agricultural Development District" as referenced in PennEast's March 13, 2015 submission.

In addition, PennEast indicated in their February 9, 2015 and the March 6, 2015 Monthly Progress Reports that "*Other concerns are being addressed through route alternatives or ongoing studies. For example the New Preferred Alternative route avoids areas of concern*

*raised by the Historic District of Mt. Airy.....”* And the Preferred Alternate route now avoids the Mt. Airy Historic District.

Delaware Township has raised concerns about the proposed pipeline carving a footprint through the Rosemont Rural Agricultural District (ID#4591) yet it appears these concerns were/have not addressed by PennEast. Not only does the 10/7/14 original route carve a footprint through the Rosemont Rural Agricultural District (ID#4591) but the 1/16/15 Preferred Alternate route continues to cut a footprint through the Rosemont Rural Agricultural District (ID#4591).

Has PennEast not been reading the letters submitted by the Delaware Township Committee? Why has PennEast not addressed our concerns?

The Delaware Township Committee considers any siting of a pipeline through the Rosemont Rural Agricultural District (ID#4591) to be an unacceptable and permanently intrusive, discordant, and disruptive influence on an area that has been recognized by state and federal historic authorities as a unique setting that serves as a window into our nations' rural agricultural past.

The Delaware Township Committee requests that FERC require a thorough and complete evaluation by PennEast of all means to avoid the Rosemont Rural Agricultural District (ID#4591).

Very truly yours,



Joseph Vocke, Deputy Mayor

cc: Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission  
Julie Bell, National Park Service  
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