

## NEXT STEPS

We are currently conducting our environmental analysis of the planned Project based on the information we have received from PennEast and the comments we have received from stakeholders. After we have received a complete set of the draft Resource Reports (RRs) from PennEast, we will review the RRs and provide our comments on the RRs to PennEast. PennEast will incorporate these comments in its RRs which it will file with its application. Once a formal application is filed, we will issue a Notice of Application and identify the CP Docket number for the Project. This notice will outline how interested parties can become intervenors or how persons can comment on the Project. When we have all of the information necessary to complete our analysis and write the EIS, we will issue a Notice of Schedule for Environmental Review that will identify the date for issuing the EIS. See the Environmental Review Process Chart for more details on next steps.

## HOW TO STAY INFORMED

Go to the FERC website at <http://www.ferc.gov>. Click on the eLibrary link, click on "General Search" and enter the docket number (i.e., PF15-1). Be sure you have selected an appropriate date range. For assistance, please contact FERC Online Support at [FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov](mailto:FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov) or toll free at 1-866-208-3676. For TTY, contact 202-502-8659.

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PennEast also maintains a Project web page that can be viewed at: <http://penneastpipeline.com/>.

While we believe that the Internet is the best way to stay informed of the Project, we realize that not everyone has Internet access. From this point forward on this Project, issuances by the environmental staff, including the EIS document, will be mailed to the environmental mailing list in either hard copy or compact disc format.

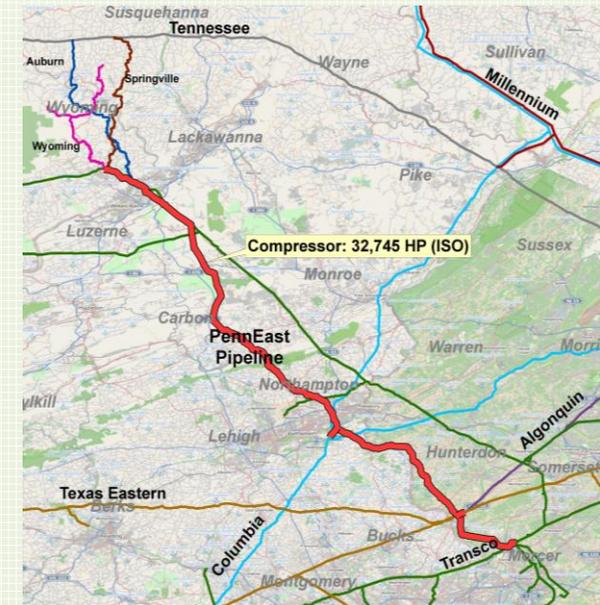


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## PROJECT UPDATE FOR THE PENNEAST PIPELINE PROJECT

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## PURPOSE

The purpose of this mailing is to provide you with an update on the environmental review of the planned PennEast Pipeline Project (Project), explain the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC or Commission) environmental review process, identify the issues, and give you an idea of what's next in our review process.

## PROJECT DESCRIPTION

PennEast Pipeline Company, LLC (PennEast) plans to construct and operate 110.6 miles of new 36-inch-diameter natural gas pipeline and a compressor station near Blakeslee, in Kidder Township, Carbon County, Pennsylvania. The pipeline would originate near Dallas, Luzerne County, Pennsylvania and terminate near Pennington, Mercer County, New Jersey. The pipeline route would cross Luzerne, Carbon, Northampton, and Bucks Counties, Pennsylvania and Hunterdon and Mercer Counties, New Jersey. In addition, three laterals would be constructed: Hellertown Lateral (2.1-mile-long, 24-inch-diameter) in Pennsylvania; and Lambertville Lateral (1.3-mile-long, 36-inch-diameter) and Gilbert Lateral (0.6-mile-long, 12-inch-diameter lateral), both in New Jersey.

The Project would provide approximately 1.0 billion cubic feet per day of year-round transportation service from northern Pennsylvania to markets in eastern and southeastern Pennsylvania and New Jersey. PennEast states the Project would bring natural gas produced in the Marcellus Shale region in eastern Pennsylvania to homes and businesses in Pennsylvania and New Jersey. The Project would extend from various receipt point interconnections, including interconnections with Transcontinental Gas Pipeline Company, LLC and gathering systems operated by Williams Partners L.P., Regency Energy Partners LP, and UGI Energy Services, LLC, all in Luzerne County, Pennsylvania. Various delivery point interconnections would be constructed including UGI Utilities, Inc. in Carbon and Northampton Counties, Pennsylvania; Columbia Gas Transmission, LLC in Northampton County, Pennsylvania; and Elizabethtown Gas, Texas Eastern Transmission, LP and Algonquin Transmission, LLC, all in Hunterdon, New Jersey.

## WHERE WE ARE IN THE ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW PROCESS

The FERC is the lead federal agency responsible for conducting the Project's environmental review. In compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act, the FERC will prepare an environmental impact statement (EIS) for the planned Project. Local, state, and federal agencies have been invited to participate as cooperating agencies in the preparation of the EIS. We approved PennEast's request to use the FERC's pre-filing process on October 10, 2014. To date, we have attended four company-sponsored open house meetings in the Project area. We issued a Notice of Intent to Prepare an EIS on January 13, 2015, which sought public comments on the Project; and conducted five public scoping meetings in the Project area in February 2015. On January 22, 2015, we issued a Notice of Extension of Comment Period from February 12, 2015 to February 27, 2015.

We are currently conducting our environmental analysis of the planned Project. The results of this analysis will be presented in the EIS. The EIS will describe the potential environmental effects of the Project and alternatives. It will also describe PennEast's proposed construction procedures and mitigation measures, and make recommendations for additional mitigation and/or conservation measures to avoid or further reduce effects on the environment.

## ISSUES IDENTIFIED

The following environmental concerns have been raised during scoping on the Project:

- Purpose and need for the Project
- Impacts on forested areas including fragmentation
- Impacts on agricultural areas and soils
- Impacts on residential areas and use of eminent domain
- Impacts on recreational and public use areas including Appalachian Trail, Sourland Conservancy, and other state-managed and preserved lands
- Impacts on preservation easements on private lands or conservation easements and property values
- Impacts on water including wells and springs, groundwater, potable water, and state-listed streams
- Impacts on surface waters including Susquehanna, Lehigh, and Delaware Rivers
- Impacts on wildlife and vegetation
- Impacts on federal and state-listed threatened, endangered, and sensitive species
- Geologic hazards including karst, seismic areas, and mines
- Impacts on cultural resources including historic structures
- Impacts on air quality
- Impacts related to noise during construction and operation
- Assessment of alternative pipeline routes and compressor station locations
- Cumulative impacts

## FERC's Environmental Review Process (dates of completed activities are noted)

