



September 12, 2016

Ms. Kimberly Bose  
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission  
Office of the Secretary  
888 1st Street, NE  
Washington, DC 20428

Re: Docket No. CP15-558 PennEast Pipeline Project

Dear Ms. Bose,

Soon after July 22, 2016, FERC was made aware that the New Jersey locations of the August 16 and August 17 PennEast public comment meetings were no longer available. FERC created a notice of the change in location dated August 5, but this notice was not mailed out until August 11, 2016, at least six days after FERC prepared the notice of the change in the locations and approximately twenty days after the Agency was made aware that a change in the locations was necessary. As a result of these multiple delays, the notification of the change in the NJ locations was *not received until the day of the first meeting*, August 16<sup>th</sup>, as experienced by the Delaware Riverkeeper Network and reported to DRN by at least two members of the organization. In addition, we received several phone calls from potential participants who were confused by the change in location, as the previous location was still used in local newspaper announcements. For those that received notice only via the mail or do not have a daily opportunity to review all FERC filings, this would mean they became aware of the change of location on the day of the meeting at the earliest, even though FERC realized the location needed to be changed as early as nearly a month ago.

This unnecessary delay in notifying the public of the change in the location of the only two NJ hearings is unacceptable. The purpose of these public comment meetings is to allow for public participation in the decision-making process. This delayed notification denied many of the interested and affected public the opportunity to attend and participate.

For these reasons, FERC should hold additional public meetings in the areas of Hampton and Ewing, NJ.

Submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Maya K. van Rossum".

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