



September 13, 2016

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

Re: PennEast Pipeline Project, FERC Docket No. CP15-558

Dear Ms. Bose,

Homeowners Against Land Taking-PennEast (HALT) represents over two hundred impacted landowners in towns along PennEast's proposed pipeline route. HALT intervened in this proceeding on February 3, 2016. HALT has filed numerous comments cataloguing the significant flaws in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed PennEast Pipeline. HALT has filed comments regarding:

- The illegality of FERC's proposed use of a flawed "conditional approval" to prematurely authorize the condemnation of private property, before FERC has met its obligations under the U.S. Constitution and the Natural Gas Act (Filed September 12, 2016, Accession No. 20160913-5124).
- The flaws in the DEIS's analysis of historic and cultural resources and FERC's failure to comply with the National Historic Preservation Act. (Accession No. 20160912-5624).
- The DEIS's failure to include site-specific analysis, analyze the environmental impacts of its action, or propose meaningful mitigation measures. (Accession No. 20160912-5628).
- The errors in the DEIS's analysis of the no-action alternative and other alternatives. (Accession No. 20160912-5619).
- The DEIS's inaccurate analysis of the risk of arsenic and boron contamination to water sources. (Accession No. 20160912-5618).
- The flaws in PennEast's notices to landowners and FERC's public comment procedures. (Accession No. 20160912-5623).
- The shortcomings in FERC's hearing process and length of the comment period. (Accession No. 20160810-5093).
- Support for the New Jersey Conservation Foundation and Stony Brook-Millstone Watershed Association's comments on missing data in the DEIS. (Accession No. 20160810-5095).



- Support for the New Jersey Conservation Foundation's request for an evidentiary hearing on the question of market need. (Accession No. 20160810-5096).

In addition to the comments filed by HALT, HALT's members filed thousands of individual comments addressing the impacts that the DEIS should have but did not analyze. These included impacts to homes, farms, businesses, health and safety, historic and cultural resources, endangered, threatened and locally rare species and critical habitat, drinking water, preserved agricultural lands, preserved open spaces, and the environment.

Each of HALT's and its members' comments reach the same conclusion: the DEIS is deficient and must be withdrawn. HALT asks that FERC closely consider the information submitted in HALT's comments and withdraw and revise the DEIS accordingly. Failure to do so violates the National Environmental Policy Act, the National Historic Preservation Act, the Natural Gas Act, and the Fifth Amendment to the U.S. Constitution.

Sincerely,

s/ R. Steven Richardson
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