

1776 K STREET NW
WASHINGTON, DC 20006
PHONE 202.719.7000

www.wileyrein.com

June 21, 2016

R. Steven Richardson 202.719.7489 RSRichardson@wileyrein.com

Robert Phillips U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Wanamaker Building 100 Penn Square East Philadelphia, PA 19107

Re: PennEast Section 408 Applications Nos. CENAP-EC-EG-16-408-01 and CENAP-EC-EG-16-408-02

Dear Mr. Phillips:

I represent and am writing on behalf of Homeowners Against Land Taking-PennEast (HALT-PennEast), a non-profit organization comprised of more than 300 homeowners in New Jersey's Hunterdon and Mercer Counties and several counties in Pennsylvania whose homes, farms, and livelihoods are directly threatened by PennEast Pipeline Company, Inc.'s (PennEast) proposed pipeline route. Land owned by hundreds of HALT-PennEast's members will be taken by eminent domain if the PennEast pipeline is granted a Certificate of Public Necessity and Convenience by FERC.

The Corps should not allow PennEast to use or occupy any federal or public lands!

Please deny the PennEast Application because:

- This project is unnecessary.
- This project is crony capitalism and is not in the public interest.
- If constructed this project would cause significant adverse environmental impacts that cannot and will not be adequately mitigated.
- PennEast has failed to analyze a reasonable range of alternatives to its proposed project.
- PennEast has not adequately developed the no-action alternative to its pipeline project.
- PennEast has ignored foreseeable connected actions to this project that among other things will result in dislocating conserved lands and taking private property through eminent domain.



Robert Phillips June 21, 2016 Page 2

• I request that the Corps conduct public hearings before and after developing the EIS to ensure that the full environmental impacts are understood prior to any agency action.

Based upon a careful review of PennEast's applications and the requests currently in front of the Corps, it is clear that this information is inadequate to support an informed decision on the application, and only an EIS and public hearings can provide the Corps with sufficient information to fully weigh the environmental harms from the proposed action.

Best regards,

R. Steven Richardson

cc: Kimberly Bose, FERC