

Chairman, Norman C. Bay
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
888 First Street NE, Suite 11A
Washington, D.C. 20426

RE: Docket No. CP15-558-000 - PennEast Pipeline Draft EIS

Dear Secretary Bose,

I am a registered intervenor on this docket and elected official in Kingwood Township. The Draft Environmental Impact Study ("DEIS") for the proposed PennEast ("PE") pipeline project states, on page ES-4 of the Executive Summary under the heading GEOLOGY: "WE CONCLUDE THAT THE PROJECT WOULD NOT HAVE SIGNIFICANT IMPACTS ON GEOLOGIC RESOURCES."

Then it says "In addition, with the implementation of PennEast's proposed mitigation measures as well as its Blasting Plan, Karst Mitigation Plan, and E&SCP, and our recommendations, the geologic risk to Project facilities would be minimized."

But in another place in the Executive Summary FERC recommends PE file its Karst Mitigation Plan. FERC is not even requiring it to be done, but is just recommending PE file it, without giving a time for that Karst Mitigation Plan to be provided.

Finally, in their conclusion, FERC appears to rely on the Plans they haven't even seen yet to suggest the project would not have a significant impact on geologic resources. How can FERC make that determination without having seen what PE is going to file? How can the public comment on something it hasn't seen yet?

These kinds of omissions from the docket, together with FERC's pre-determination and the suggestion that whatever PE files wouldn't change how FERC has already decided are a breach of the NEPA standards and FERC's own regulations.

I call on the FERC to withdraw this DEIS until PennEast files all the missing information referenced therein, especially information having to do with the areas that PennEast intends to blast. Without this information, FERC cannot adequately address the possible implications and cannot make a determination risk to their project or, more importantly, to the public. Given that people's safety and constitutional rights to their property are at stake, we must be presented with a complete Draft Environmental Impact Study.

I ask the FERC to respond directly to me in response to this comment.

Sincerely,

Richard Dodds
Kingwood Township Committee

cc: Kimberly Bose, Secretary
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