

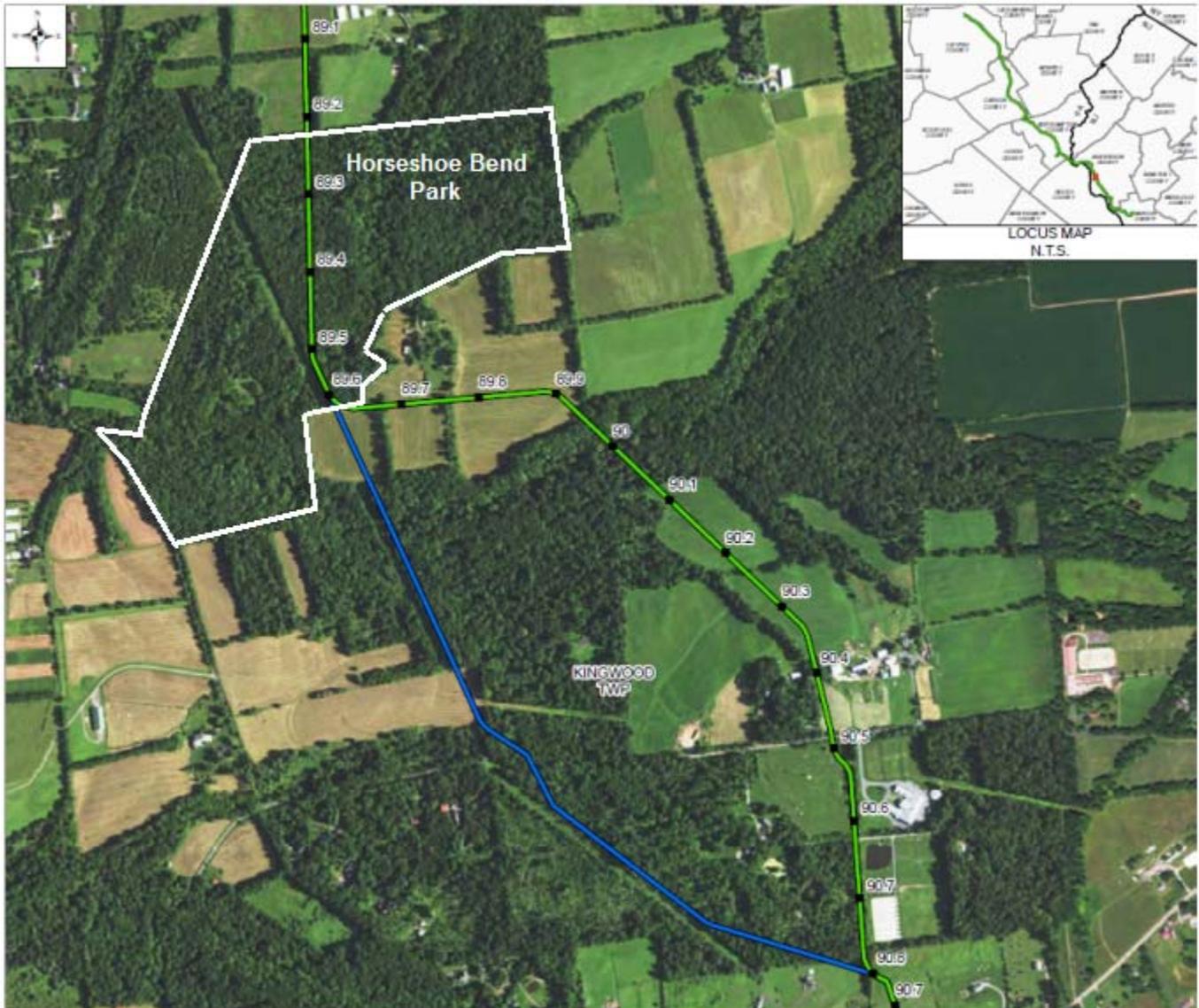
Chairman, Norman C. Bay
 Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
 888 First Street NE, Suite 11A
 Washington, D.C. 20426

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

I write this letter to point out one of many inaccurate statements made by the PennEast pipeline in thier Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS). Specifically these comments are in regard to the proposed pipeline variations between milepost 89.6-90.8. The DEIS lists in table 3.3.2-1 the following variation:

Variation Name	Milepost Location a/	Length (miles)	Reason Considered, or Primary Resources Affected or Avoided	Incorporated into Proposed Route	Reason Variation Incorporated or Rejected
Variation No. 1907	89.6-90.8	1.2	Green Acres easement, wetland and forest land	Yes	Avoids crossing a parcel with Green Acres conservation easement and reduces crossings of wetland and forest land

When seen in aerial view looks like:



Under the column header, "**Reason Considered, or Primary Resources Affected or Avoided**" PennEast states, " Green Acres easement, wetland and forest land". However, PennEast inaccurately states the property shown on the map as having a Green Acres easement (the route is drawn on private property), moves the pipeline from an existing power-line cut, and moves the proposed route directly into the middle of productive agriculture fields. At the same time, PennEast fails to acknowledge the Green Acres easement (the public park know as **Horseshoe Bend Park**), wetland and forest land in the proceeding mileposts 89.2-89.6 which it cuts directly through and again not collocating on the pre-existing power-line cut , which can clearly be seen on the aerial view. The purchase of this land for Horseshoe Bend Park can from funds from the New Jersey Green Acres program, the Hunterdon County Open Space program, and the Kingwood Township Open Space program and represents 33% of the publically accessible parklands owned by Kingwood Township.

Under the column header, "**Reason Variation Incorporated or Rejected**" PennEast states, " Avoids crossing a parcel with Green Acres conservation easement and reduces crossings of wetland and forest land." In fact, this new route crosses the same number of streams and wetlands, still crosses the Green Acres conservation easement from milepost 89.2-89.6 (Horseshoe Bend Park) and has the same impact on forested lands. PennEast has no idea what lands are preserved and what are not. They have never asked the town for any information regarding these properties.

This new route brings the **pipeline less than a mile from the Kingwood Township School**, negatively impacts 43.5 acres of productive agriculture fields, and comes within 30 feet of an open body of water. The only reason that the casual observer can see for this multi-turn change is to maximize the impact on a farmer who is an outspoken critic of PennEast and who has caught PennEast's contract employees trespassing on his land.

Chairman Bay, retribution should not be the basis for planning an interstate pipeline. Given the number of errors and gaps in data in this DEIS, I am requesting that the entire draft EIS be resubmitted at a time when these issues will have been resolved. The basic information required to construct a safe pipeline with no or minimal impacts to the environment is missing from this DEIS, rather personal grievances have replaced good planning.

The health, safety and welfare of our communities is too important to risk it for the monetary enhancement of a few individuals.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Richard Dodds". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Richard Dodds
Kingwood Township Committee

cc: Kimberly Bose, Secretary
Nathaniel J Davis, Sr., Deputy Secretary