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June 16, 2016

Ms. Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary  
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission  
888 First Street, NE  
Washington, D.C. 20426

Re: PennEast Pipeline Company, LLC, Docket No. CP15-558-000  
Supplemental Information – Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission Correspondence

Dear Ms. Bose:

On June 15, 2016, PennEast Pipeline Company, LLC (“PennEast”) received a letter from the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission (“PFBC”) that provides a summary of the Pennsylvania Natural Diversity Inventory threatened and endangered species impact review related to PennEast’s proposed project in the above-referenced docket. The PFBC letter includes a summary of impacts by county and is valid for two years from the date of the letter. Enclosed herewith is a copy of the PFBC letter.

Should you have any questions about this filing, please contact me at (610) 406-4322.

Sincerely,

/s/ Anthony C. Cox  
Anthony C. Cox  
PennEast Pipeline Company, LLC,  
By its Project Manager  
UGI Energy Services, LLC

cc: Medha Kochhar (FERC)  
All Parties of Record



## Pennsylvania Fish & Boat Commission

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### Division of Environmental Services

Natural Gas Section  
450 Robinson Lane  
Bellefonte, PA 16823

June 15, 2016

**IN REPLY REFER TO**  
SIR# 44756

AECOM  
Bernie Holcomb  
625 W. Ridge Pike  
Suite E-100  
CONSHOHOCKEN, Pennsylvania 19428

**RE: Species Impact Review (SIR) – Rare, Candidate, Threatened and Endangered Species  
PNDI Search No.  
PennEast Pipeline Project  
LUZERNE County: - BUCKS County: - CARBON County: - NORTHAMPTON County:**

Dear Bernie Holcomb:

This responds to your recent correspondences submitted to the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission (PFBC) related to the PennEast pipeline project (Project) in regards to a Pennsylvania Natural Diversity Inventory (PNDI) threatened and endangered species impact review of species under the jurisdiction of the PFBC.

On February 23, 2016 representatives of the Project submitted, by e-mail, seven deviations of the Project. As all seven of the deviations were within the New Jersey portion of the Project, a formal response letter was not provided by the PFBC.

On June 13, 2016 representatives of the Project submitted a request, by e-mail, to update the status of the Project and to specifically identify impacts by county. Below is a summary of the most up-to-date status of review related to the Project:

### **Timber rattlesnake (*Crotalus horridus*, PA Candidate)**

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The Project possibly impacts multiple identified potential critical habitat locations and further evaluation is on-going. The PFBC has previously outlined recommendations to avoid impacts to timber rattlesnakes and potential critical habitat. On April 27, 2016, Gregory Lech (PFBC) accompanied biologists, contracted by representatives of the Project, conducting presence/absence surveys near a potential timber rattlesnake den. During the den visit one rattlesnake, was observed by contracted biologists, and was heard by Gregory Lech. Review is pending submittal of formal presence/absence survey report results.

### **Our Mission:**

[www.fish.state.pa.us](http://www.fish.state.pa.us)

*To protect, conserve and enhance the Commonwealth's aquatic resources and provide fishing and boating opportunities.*

**Northern Cricket Frog (*Acris crepitans*, PA Endangered)**

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According to previously submitted Report 2, **we do not foresee the proposed Project resulting in adverse impacts to the Northern Cricket Frog.**

**Atlantic Sturgeon (*Acipenser oxyrinchus*, PA Endangered)**  
**Shortnose Sturgeon (*Acipenser brevirostrum*, PA Endangered)**  
**Eastern Redbelly Turtle (*Pseudemys rubriventris*, PA Threatened)**  
**Dwarf Wedgemussel (*Alasmidonta heterodon*, PA Endangered)**

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Previous letters listed rare or protected freshwater mussel, turtle, and fish species are known in the vicinity of the **Delaware River crossing**. Provided horizontal directional drilling (HDD) is the crossing method for the Delaware River, we do not foresee the proposed Project resulting in adverse impacts to the above species.

**LUZERNE COUNTY:**

Potential impacts relate to the **Timber Rattlesnake**. Habitat assessments were requested by the PFBC and have been completed and reviewed, resulting in the recommendation of presence/absence surveys at potential den locations. Potential impacts to this species are **PENDING** the results of presence/absence surveys.

**CARBON COUNTY:**

Potential impacts relate to the **Timber Rattlesnake**. Habitat assessments were requested by the PFBC and have been completed and reviewed, resulting in the recommendation of presence/absence surveys at potential den locations. Potential impacts to this species are **PENDING** the results of presence/absence surveys.

Potential impacts relate to the **Northern Cricket Frog**. Potential impacts to this species have been **RESOLVED** for this Project.

**NORTHAMPTON COUNTY:**

Potential impacts relate to the **Timber Rattlesnake**. Habitat assessments were requested by the PFBC and have been completed and reviewed, resulting in the recommendation of presence/absence surveys at potential den locations. Potential impacts to this species are **PENDING** the results of presence/absence surveys.

**BUCKS COUNTY:**

Potential impacts relate to the **Atlantic Sturgeon, Shortnose Sturgeon, Eastern Redbelly Turtle, and the Dwarf Wedgemussel**. Potential impacts to these species are **RESOLVED if the Delaware River is crossed via HDD**.

This response represents the most up-to-date summary of the PNDI data and our files and is valid for two (2) years from the date of this letter. An absence of recorded species information does not

necessarily imply species absence. Our data files and the PNDI system are continuously being updated with species occurrence information. Should project plans change or additional information on listed or proposed species become available, this determination may be reconsidered, and consultation shall be re-initiated.

**If you have any questions regarding this review, please contact Greg Lech at [glech@pa.gov](mailto:glech@pa.gov) and refer to the SIR # 44756.** Thank you for your cooperation and attention to this important matter of species conservation and habitat protection.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Heather Smiles". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Heather A. Smiles, Chief  
Natural Gas Section

HAS/GPL/dn

cc?: D. Poppel (AECOM)