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September 9, 2016

Ms. Kimberly D. Bose  
Secretary  
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission  
888 First Street, N.E.  
Washington, DC 20426

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Re: PennEast Pipeline Project, Docket No. CP15-558-000

Dear Secretary Bose:

The Greater Reading Chamber of Commerce & Industry has reviewed with great interest FERC's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) on the proposed PennEast Pipeline Project. We were pleased to see that the project "is not expected to significantly impact" water and wetland quality, as well as your conclusion that any impacts on aquatic resources, vegetation and wildlife would be "adequately minimized."

Of course the report covers a much broader spectrum of environmental issues, including conservation of open space, community life and air quality. As a whole, the DEIS reinforces our belief that this is a Project that should go forward. Our support for the PennEast Pipeline continues.

The affordable and abundant availability of locally produced natural gas is a tremendous resource for Greater Reading and Berks County. Lowering the cost of energy by introducing new natural gas supplies will enable our area's industrial/manufacturing sector to be competitive in our global economy. Many of our 1,300 members have experienced the environmental and economic advantages of Pennsylvania natural gas, and we are keenly aware that the Commonwealth has emerged as one of the country's leading natural gas producing states.

This quote from DEIS sums up one of the primary reasons for our support of this Project: "There is no available capacity for existing pipeline systems to transport the required volumes of natural gas to the range of delivery points proposed by PennEast." Without the PennEast Pipeline, the region's economic future – one for which we envision affordable energy resources fueling growth – becomes far less certain.

The PennEast pipeline will help ensure price stability for this vital resource. That price stability will also extend to the electricity market as PennEast would provide an economical fuel source for gas-fired electric generation. More affordable electric energy will truly benefit ratepayers throughout our region and beyond.

The Pipeline's path runs within an hour to two hours' drive from our county, opening many opportunities for our local businesses. Those involved in engineering, environmental services, paving, landscaping, trucking and earthwork are among those who stand to benefit both directly and indirectly from the more than \$1 billion that will be spent constructing the PennEast project. But ultimately, it's the energy savings that PennEast will provide customers well into the future that fuels our support for the Project.



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The proposed PennEast Pipeline represents jobs, economic growth and energy security. Again, we support the findings in the FERC DEIS and respectfully ask the Commission to approve this Project.

Sincerely,



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