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Nathaniel J. Davis, Sr., Deputy Secretary  
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission  
888 First Street NE, Room 1A  
Washington, DC 20426

Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary  
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission  
888 First Street NE, Room 1A  
Washington, DC 20426

Re: Docket No. CP15-558-000 PennEast Pipeline Company, LLC Draft Environmental Impact Statement for proposed PennEast Pipeline

Dear Ms. Bose and Mr. Davis:

On behalf of the New Jersey Sierra Club, we are requesting that the comment period for PennEast's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) be extended from 52 days to 120 days. We do not believe that 52 days is a sufficient amount of time for people to read and comprehend the over a 1,000-page document. We also have concerns since many people are away on vacation during this period which ends soon after a national holiday, Labor Day.

We also request an additional hearing be held in Lambertville, New Jersey. The pipeline would come very close to Lambertville and cut across Swan Creek, just below the Reservoir as well as pass over Goat Hill. The community will be impacted by the pipeline not only from air and water pollution, but also the safety threat it poses if there was a spill or an explosion. We also believe that there should be a hearing in Bethlehem, PA. We believe that it is important for everyone along the route to have the opportunity to come to a hearing and put information on the record.

Expanding the public comment period and adding an additional hearing is especially necessary because the DEIS has so much misinformation. This includes the 79 references to missing or incomplete information referenced by the document itself. PennEast does not have enough information to apply for a 401 Water Quality Permit or many other permits. This makes their DEIS incomplete. We believe that the DEIS itself should be withdrawn because of its incompleteness and missing information.

We are respectfully requesting an extended comment period for PennEast's DEIS to 120 days as well as another public hearings in Lambertville, NJ and Bethlehem, PA after summer has ended for people to attend.



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If you have any questions or would like to discuss this matter further, please feel free to call me at (609) 558-9100.

Sincerely,

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Director, New Jersey Sierra Club

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