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Nathaniel J. Davis, Sr., Deputy Secretary
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
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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 FERC extend the comment period for PennEast Pipeline's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) by at least 30 days. Just yesterday PennEast submitted changes to their DEIS to the docket. Since people need time to read and analyze these changes, we request that the comment period be re-opened. This way, people will have the appropriate time needed to submit comments based on the changes PennEast recently made.

We do not believe that the original comment period was long enough to accommodate everyone who wished to put their voice on the record. We also believe that the unconventional format of the hearings led to the discouragement of citizens from coming out and speaking. It is important for all citizens along the route to have the opportunity to come to a hearing and put information on the record yet this opportunity was not fairly afforded to everyone. In light of this extra hurdle, we think that people deserve more time to add additional comments to the record as PennEast has been allowed to do.

The DEIS for the project itself is incomplete and does not provide information supporting the pipeline's ability to obtain necessary permits. Most importantly, the people of the Valley were deprived of their right to speak out against it in the typical manner. Now PennEast has submitted changes to their application. The thousands of people who have submitted comments deserve the right to resubmit their comments as well after careful consideration of PennEast's changes. For all of these reasons listed, we believe that FERC must extend the public comment period for PennEast's DEIS by at least 30 days.



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Please see our previous comments on the record for more information. If you have any questions or would like to discuss this matter further, please feel free to call me at (609) 558-9100.

Sincerely,

Jeff Tittel
Director, New Jersey Sierra Club