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Delaware River Basin Commission
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Dear Commissioners,

I am a resident of, or visitor to, a community impacted by the proposed PennEast pipeline project. I am writing to thank you for separating your review and comment process for PennEast from that of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC). Your process is unique from FERC's, and your regulations and priorities are different, thereby making it imperative that the Commission avail itself of independent stakeholder input relevant to its concerns.

As you know, on April 7th FERC issued its Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) for PennEast. It was a near duplicate of the Draft and suffered from the same deficiencies and errors. FERC concluded that the Project will cause environmental damage, but that this damage could be lessened with the implementation of a myriad of mitigation plans - none of which PennEast has yet to file nor FERC has yet to see. Furthermore, FERC admitted that the economic benefits to the region would be minimal. At a time when FERC's State of the Market Report proves that 2016 saw record low natural gas and electricity prices in the region – with PJM electric prices dropping 47% and natural gas storage at record highs – it is especially difficult to justify a project which has so few benefits and yet will risk this great watershed which we have committed to protect by limiting our development within it.

With regulatory and financial clocks ticking for this project, we are certain that the Commission is under pressure to complete its review. But we are writing to make clear that preparing a docket for public comment would be premature and deleterious to the mission of the DRBC. The community impacted by the project testified to the litany of errors and omissions in the FERC documents at the March 15, 2017 Commissioners' meeting, and that documentation cannot be utilized if the goal is informed and objective decision making.

We urge the Commission to refuse to prepare a docket for the proposed PennEast project until such time as their documentation is complete and accurate so that the Commission can make an informed decision. We also request that the Commission agree to hold several meetings throughout the project area to guarantee that it receives the necessary input from community stakeholders.

Thank you for your consideration.

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