

January 15, 2015

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

Re: Docket No. PF15-1-000 (PennEast Pipeline Project)

Dear Ms. Bose:

Please accept this letter as my formal request for a one hundred twenty (120) day extension of the entire scoping period for this project, and the future scheduling of at least one (1) additional scoping meeting in central Hunterdon County, NJ. PennEast only recently announced a revised proposed route, and FERC's Notice of Intent and Notice of Public Scoping Meetings, dated January 13, 2015, states that the first scoping meeting will be held on January 27th in Ewing, NJ (the sole meeting site in New Jersey). This only gives citizens and municipalities fewer than two weeks to find out what the newly proposed route is, and then perform their environmental assessment research on this revised proposed route. Residents and community leaders have spent the last five (5) months preparing the environmental reviews on the original route in preparation for these scoping meetings. Failure to grant this extra time means that FERC and PennEast are automatically denying citizens, municipalities and government representatives their right to research and prepare environmental data so they can present meaningful testimony at the scoping sessions. This will then disenfranchise a huge segment of those affected by this project from their only outlet for participation in the scoping process on a major industrial project going through their communities.

This rushed scoping schedule also fails to take into account probable weather delays, which, given the fact that no Hunterdon County venue was scheduled, will also unfairly deny many people the chance to attend a meeting at all. This is blatantly unfair, and seems to suggest that FERC and PennEast do not wish to have Hunterdon County residents participate fully in this process. This completely contradicts the purpose of these scoping meetings.

I therefore ask FERC to extend the scoping period by one hundred twenty (120) days to allow all parties the time necessary to research the newly proposed alternate route, to permit the scheduling of an additional scoping meeting in central Hunterdon County, NJ and to ensure that the required notification of these re-scheduled meetings is provided to all interested parties and the general public. While FERC's Notice of Intent states that this scoping period is not the only opportunity for public input, failure to grant this request can only be taken as a deliberate attempt by FERC and PennEast to curtail people's opportunity to understand the environmental impact this newly proposed alternate route would have and to make their voices heard.

Sincerely,

Printed Name: _____

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CC: Senator Cory Booker
Senator Robert Menendez
Representative Leonard Lance
Mr. Tony Cox, PennEast
Ms. Alisa Harris, PennEast