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DTCAP: Updates, Action and Events!

Action Alert:

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DTCAP Public Information Session – 7:30 pm, Delaware Township School (501 Rosemont- Ringoes Road) Come hear the latest updates on the PennEast project from our Township and DTCAP.

Where we are:

1. FERC Comments – (Ongoing Process -KEEP THEM COMING!) Although the “scoping” comment period in preparation for FERC development of an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) technically closed on February 27, 2015, comments are still IMPORTANT AND RELEVANT! In this post- scoping time period, FERC is accepting further comments and requiring PennEast (PE) to respond to these comments.

On March 13, PE submitted their response to the initial scoping comments (http://elibrary.ferc.gov/idmws/file_list.asp?accession_num=20150313-5167). Many issues have been overlooked or incorrectly identified. It is up to us to point them out. As we have indicated in past postings, please review PennEast’s Resource reports in the areas where you have filed comments. See if they have addressed them, if PennEast’s information is accurate, omits vital information or ignores your comment. Then, tell FERC about it! If you would like to assist in reviewing our DTCAP or Delaware Township Comments, please let us know. We can use volunteers in this effort.

UGI employees, as well as leaders of other companies that have a financial stake in the approval of the PE pipeline project are submitting favourable comments to FERC without disclosing that there is a conflict of interest in their relationship with their employer.

2. FERC Process Issue – TetraTech Conflict of Interest At this point, FERC will be preparing an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the PennEast project. This is a critical component of the FERC process as the EIS identifies all environmental issues raised by the project and helps determine the parameters of the pipeline project, **if** an application is filed and approved.

FERC selected a subcontractor to develop this critical EIS from a pool of

two firms that PennEast proposed. FERC chose Tetra Tech, a California-based group that relies on the energy industry for contracts and is a member of the Marcellus Shale Coalition, a group of natural gas companies, their affiliates and contractors dedicated to promoting the natural gas industry.

Naturally, many interested homeowners, communities and stakeholders have balked at this clear conflict of interest which, at a minimum, gives the impression that a fair and neutral evaluation of environmental issues for this project could be compromised. PennEast Pipeline spokeswoman Patricia Kornick accused environmental groups of trying to "advance their own agendas by continuing to impugn the reputations of professionals whose expertise helps ensure plans for the proposed project allow for safe constructability and operations while minimizing impact to the community and environment."

The Stony Brook-Millstone Watershed Association, New Jersey Conservation Foundation, the Sierra Club, Delaware Township and additional stakeholders have asked the U.S. Inspector General to review the selection of Tetra Tech and address the question of conflict. (See Delaware Township's website to read the letters: <http://delawaretwpnj.org/>) This study will be the most critical assessment of a project that, if consummated on its proposed route, will impact the lives and properties of tens of thousands of people.

3. Local Government Actions - Thirty six municipalities and numerous citizen organizations along the proposed route have signed resolutions opposing the pipeline. All impacted New Jersey municipalities and our Hunterdon and Mercer County Freeholders have enacted ordinances opposing the PennEast Pipeline!

4. Survey Access Statistics – (Hold the line and Deny – it is working!) Recently, PE held private, "invitation only" meetings with impacted homeowners in an attempt to convince them to allow PE to survey their properties. To date, survey permission has been received for approximately 66% of parcels in PA and 32% in NJ for all the proposed routes (source: Electronic Mail Memo issued in FERC PF15-1-000).

These statistics do not disclose however, the number of homeowners who may have granted survey permission and then rescinded it! (Survey access in New Jersey could be as low as 29%) The lack of survey access is a thorn in the side of PennEast - according to PennEast's Patricia Kornick, "The vocal voices of the few should not be construed as the overall perception."

The truth of the matter is that our strategy to deny survey access is working! New Jersey homeowners who continue to refuse survey permission are showing by their actions that we do NOT support this project! State legislators, congressional representative and the public are noting the strength of the opposition to this project. For more information, read the response from Michael Spille at [“thecostofthepipeline.com/2015/04/30/penneast-stop-trying-to-deceive-the-press-and-the-public/”](http://thecostofthepipeline.com/2015/04/30/penneast-stop-trying-to-deceive-the-press-and-the-public/).

5. The Issue of Exports – Corporate profit motive does not justify Eminent Domain! PE claims it is not intended to export gas “as of now,” yet the proposed route interconnects with other pipelines along the route through PA and NJ which are clearly headed towards ports. The industry itself says, “Cove Point will export Marcellus Shale gas. In fact, 100% of whatever the plant can liquefy and ship on a daily basis is already spoken for by two countries that desperately want and need it: Japan and India.”

Please read Michael Spille’s insight into FERC’s “2014 State of the Markets Report” which is created by the FERC Office of Enforcement’s Division of Energy Market Oversight at [“thecostofthepipeline.com/2015/04/01/the-FERC-demonstrates-why-we-don’t-need-the-penneast-pipeline/”](http://thecostofthepipeline.com/2015/04/01/the-FERC-demonstrates-why-we-don’t-need-the-penneast-pipeline/).

This issue of PennEast’s obvious intent to export the natural gas is relevant to the ultimate question of whether this project is truly needed and a benefit to New Jersey citizens, relevant to whether FERC should grant a “certificate of public convenience and necessity,” and whether it is appropriate to allow our federal government to transfer its eminent domain authority to private corporations to take private property when their true motive is corporate profit, not public need.

Wins:

1. Senators Shirley Turner (Mercer, Hunterdon) and Kip Bateman (Hunterdon, Mercer, Middlesex, Somerset) have filed a Senate Resolution (SR-99) that objects to and opposes the PennEast project specifically, due its negative impact on the environment and the surrounding communities that it impacts. It has been referred to the Senate Economic Growth Committee, but has not been posted for committee consideration yet.
http://www.njleg.state.nj.us/2014/Bills/SR/99_I1.PDF

2. A companion (identical) Assembly Resolution (AR-225) filed by Assemblywoman Elizabeth Maher and Assemblymen Jack Ciattarelli and Reed Gusciora has been referred to the Assembly State Government Committee. http://www.njleg.state.nj.us/2014/Bills/AR/225_11.PDF

3. DTCAP has had a presence at two important community events – the recent Shad Fest in Lambertville and the NJ Conservation Foundation’s bike ride event this past weekend. DTCAP is trying to get the word out to citizens, communities and visitors about the negative impact of this project. Help us by volunteering for this work!

4. There has been increased critical coverage of PennEast (PE) and the pipeline project in the press. For much of 2015, a lot of the press was mostly repeating PE’s press releases. This changed in April. Most recently, Aljazeera America covered a story about potential threats to trout in PA (<http://america.aljazeera.com/articles/2015/5/5/pipelines-pose-hidden-threat-to-trout-in-pennsylvania.html>).

5. FERC and [EIA.Gov](http://www.eia.gov) have both released information showing that many issues in the natural gas market from the “polar vortex” winter of 2013/2014 to the 2014/2015

What can You do?

1. FERC Comments: If you submitted comments, you are considered a stakeholder. We urge all stakeholders to review the PE response document to assure you’re your comments have been correctly identified and placed in the proper categories. Click here (<https://dtcapdotorg.files>).

wordpress.com/2015/04/15-3-13-penneast-response-to-scoping-comments.pdf) to review the response and look for your name. Individual landowner concerns are broken down in Tables 3 & 4. If you feel that your comments were either ignored or not appropriately identified, please submit another comment via the e-file system to alert FERC to PE's oversight. If you have additional insights or concerns, please submit as many comments as possible while FERC is accepting them. The FERC on-line website is <https://ferconline.ferc.gov/FERCOOnline.aspx>

2. EIS/Tetra Tech: Write to the U.S. Inspector General objecting to the selection of Tetra-Tec as contractor to develop PE's EIS. Please reference the letters posted on the Delaware Township website for the Inspector General's address.

3. NEWLY IMPACTED HOMEOWNERS - Learn your rights and get involved! The news that the proposed PennEast pipeline could impact your property is shocking and stressful, but please know that you are NOT alone! The DTCAP group is an organized group of citizens dedicated to fighting this project, preserving our local communities and advocating on behalf of our citizens. If you are a homeowner impacted by any of the proposed routes, for important information about your rights. You can also join us by visiting our website, www.dtcap.org and becoming a member. Together we can do what a single citizen cannot do alone!

4. Post Card Campaign: Our goal is to convince legislative leaders to post SR-99/AR-225 for consideration. The legislative process would begin with a committee hearing on the proposed legislation; in this case, the Senate/ Assembly Environment and Energy Committees and/or the Economic Development Committees would likely hear the legislation. We have available pre-addressed postcard (in support of this bill) in packets at the Sergeantsville Post Office. Please show your support by adding your name, address and postage and simply drop in the mailbox.

5. Join us at DTCAP! We need volunteers to assist us in our efforts to stop the pipeline. Come to our next meeting on May 14th and join us!

Upcoming Events:

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Join Delaware Township Citizens Against the Pipeline. DTCAP is a citizen's action group organizing with other communities along the proposed pipeline route to oppose its construction. Visit www.dtcap.org to learn more.

DTCAP needs experts, scientists and lawyers. Please consider a financial contribution to DTCAP. Make checks payable to: **Citizens Against the Pipeline** and mail to **664 Rosemont Ringoes Road, Stockton, NJ 08559**. (As an IRC 501(c)(4) political organization, your gifts to DTCAP are not tax-deductible.) **Thank you!**

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From: The Cost of the Pipeline [mailto:comment-reply@wordpress.com]

Sent: Friday, May 08, 2015 1:36 PM

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Subject: [New post] Letting the FERC know what you think about PennEast just got a whole lot easier...

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by [michaelspille](#)

Even though the number of comments to the FERC opposing PennEast have been impressive, we could do better. I know a lot of people in particular get frustrated trying to navigate the FERC site. It's down constantly, and even when it's up you have to navigate a crusty old web site that feels like a throw back to 1998.

Well, you don't need to do that anymore.

The Delaware Riverkeeper Network has created a page to make it trivially easy to send a note to the FERC docket:

<http://www.delawareriverkeeper.org/act-now/urgent-details.aspx?Id=187>

You can choose to either write your own message, edit the sample provided by the Riverkeeper, or just send the default form as is. You can also choose have the DRN either send your submission in electronically, or have them print and mail it.

Some come on folks! Take 5 minutes out of your day, visit the site and add your voice to the opposition. Let the FERC know the depth and breadth of opposition PennEast faces and that their pipeline is not wanted or needed.

[michaelspille](#) | May 8, 2015 at 5:35 pm | Categories: [Uncategorized](#) | URL: <http://wp.me/p5KEKw-9i>

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