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On behalf of PennEast Pipeline Company, LLC, we would like to thank you for your continued coordination on the proposed PennEast Pipeline Project. PennEast is a joint project of AGL Resources; NJR Pipeline Company, a subsidiary of New Jersey Resources; PSEG Power LLC; South Jersey Industries; Spectra Energy Partners; and UGI Energy Services (UGIES), a subsidiary of UGI Corporation.

As an interstate natural gas pipeline, PennEast will be regulated by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC). FERC issued a Notice of Intent to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for this project on January 13, 2015. PennEast filed Draft Resource Reports with FERC in April 2015. Since the Preliminary Draft Resource Report filing in April 2015, PennEast has continued to evaluate potential alternatives to the proposed pipeline alignment based on comments received during the formal Scoping process, ongoing dialogue with federal, state, regional and local agencies, land owners, and the findings from field surveys and engineering analyses. In the April filing we provided an overview of the ongoing assessments for 3 major alternatives and over 70 minor route variations.

In the past 3 months the overall alignment has been adjusted within the 400 foot survey corridor to avoid and/or minimize impacts to wetlands and waterbodies, cultural resources, agricultural lands and other sensitive habitats. In Pennsylvania, 2 reroutes and more than 40 minor route variations have been evaluated. The 2 reroutes evaluate alternative ways of crossing the Appalachian Trail and nearby PA State Game Lands, and avoid active quarrying operations. These alternatives and reroutes have gone through the same detailed assessment as those assessed in the April filing. Updated GIS shapefiles for the entire new preferred alternative route are attached to aide in your review and analysis of the Project. (To open the shapefiles, please add a “.zip” extension to the file and then extract the files.)

Significant reroutes include:

- In Plains Township and Laflin Borough in Luzerne County, approximately 3.6 miles of the alignment has been rerouted one mile to the east to avoid active quarrying operations (new mileposts 8.4 to 12.3).
- In Towamensing Township and Lower Towamensing Township in Carbon County, approximately 2 miles of the alignment has been rerouted approximately 2 miles to the west. This reroute addresses a request for a new Interconnect as well as concerns related to the Appalachian Trail and PA State Game Lands (new mileposts 48.9 to 53.6)

Please contact me if you have any questions.

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