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PennEast Pipeline Company LLC c/o Mr Anthony Cox 1 Meridian Boulevard Suite 2C01 Wyomissing, PA 19610

Re:

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Council

⊠ Manager □ Asst. Mgr.

☑ Zoning

Finance

☐ Police ☐ P. Works ☐ P/C ☐ P & R

□ EAC

☐ Engineer

Solicitor

☐ Planner

□ Landfill

☐ EMC ☐ Other

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Incompleteness Review #3

PennEast Pipeline Project - Northampton County

APS ID# 893363, AUTH ID# 1111983

DEP Application No. E48-435

Lehigh Township, Moore Township, East Allen Township,

Upper Nazareth Township, Lower Nazareth Township, Bethlehem Township,

Easton City, Lower Saucon Township & Williams Township

Northampton County

Dear Mr. Cox:

The Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) has reviewed your response, received on November 18, 2016, to the September 19, 2016 Incompleteness Review Letter #2 for the above referenced application package and has determined that the application remains incomplete. The following list specifies the items that remain missing from the submission which must be included in the resubmittal of your application and/or the submission of additional information.

Please note that this information must be received on or before **June 30, 2017**, or DEP will consider the application withdrawn.

## Items Missing from Submission

1. (Comment #1 from Incompleteness Review Letter #2)(Original Comment #3) Please provide the resolution of potential impacts to threatened and endangered species from Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, Pennsylvania Fish & Boat Commission, Pennsylvania Game Commission and U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service. Please request/provide county specific letters from the agencies indicating that county specific impacts are resolved. [25 PA Code §105.14(b)(5)]

To date, we have not received clearance letters from Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, Pennsylvania Fish & Boat Commission, Pennsylvania Game Commission or U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service. Please provide.

(Comment #3 from Incompleteness Review Letter #2) Upon further evaluation by the Department and in accordance with the 25 Pa. Code §105.13(e), complete delineation of impacts to wetlands, streams and floodways needs to be provided for the Department to perform the required environmental review of the application and make a proper permit decision. The impacts to wetlands, streams and floodways cannot be based on remote

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sensing. 25 Pa. Code §105.13(e)(1)(i)(A) requires a complete demarcation of the floodplains and regulated waters of this Commonwealth on the site. This requirement will not be waived under 25 Pa. Code §105.13(k) as remote sensing or national wetland inventory data alone may not identify all wetlands, streams and floodways present, nor does it adequately identify any unique characteristics of the wetlands, or the functions that they provide. As such, the remote sensed impacts for all resources will require in field verification, and all relevant portions of the application will need to be revised prior to making a permit decision. [25 PA Code §105.13(e)]

The resubmission did not include 100 percent survey of the pipeline route. Please resubmit the application when 100 percent of the impacts to wetlands, streams and floodways have been field verified.

You may request a time extension, in writing, before **June 30, 2017** to respond to the deficiencies. Requests for time extensions will be reviewed by DEP and considered. You will be notified in writing of the decision either to grant or deny, including a specific due date to respond if the extension is granted. Time extensions shall be in accordance with 25 Pa. Code §105.13a(b).

Information requested by this office must be received on or before **June 30, 2017** or DEP will consider the application/registration to be withdrawn by the applicant and no further action will be taken on the application/registration. Fees are not refunded when an application/registration is considered to be withdrawn.

If you have questions about your application, please contact Michael Luciani, Application Manager, at 570-830-3089, and refer to Application No. E48-435, Authorization No. 1111983.

Sincerely

Kevin S. White, P.E.

Environmental Group Manager Waterways & Wetlands Program

Williams Township

cc: AECOM, c/o Ms. Sarah K. Brinkley
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Philadelphia District
PA. Fish & Boat Commission, Southeast Regional Office
Northampton County Conservation District
Lehigh Township
Moore Township
East Allen Township
Upper Nazareth Township
Lower Nazareth Township
Bethlehem Township,
Easton City
Lower Saucon Township