

January 21, 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)

Secretary Bose:

The undersigned formally request a 120 day extension of the entire scoping period for the proposed PennEast pipeline. We believe that there are several problems with the plans for the meetings and way the meetings were announced that need to be addressed before the scoping process can move forward in a way that ensures that members of the public who wish to participate may do so.

Our concerns regarding the planned meetings are as follows:

- Inadequate number of meetings – FERC should schedule more than five meetings and hold multiple meetings in New Jersey.
- Location of meetings – FERC should schedule meetings in the areas impacted by the pipeline. The meeting locations announced are not convenient. In some cases, the nearest meeting is 40 miles away.
- Timing of meetings – FERC should start the meetings at 7 p.m. Starting meetings at 6 p.m. will make it difficult for people who have to travel up to 40 miles to attend to make it there safely after work.
- Size of venue – FERC should hold meeting rooms that hold at least 200 people, as many members of the public want to stay at the meeting to hear others' comments.
- Accessibility of venue – FERC should make sure that the venues are accessible with adequate parking options for the disabled.
- Access to resources – FERC should provide the public with GIS map or shape files of all current routes under consideration. Without precise maps, the public is unable to thoroughly to identify all environmental concerns.

The following are our concerns with the announcement itself:

- Lack of notice – FERC should allow the public more time to prepare for and make arrangements to attend the meetings. The announcement was issued on January 13, 2015. The first of the meetings is scheduled for January 27, 2015, just over two weeks later.
- Little time to prepare - One day after the schedule was announced, on January 14th, PennEast released the first map of an alternate route it is considering. The public does not have adequate time to research the potential environmental impacts of the route and prepare comments.

- Insufficient public notification – FERC should post public notices in affected communities’ local papers. Public notices have not appeared in the affected communities’ local papers. Public notices appeared repeatedly for the open houses PennEast hosted last fall.
- Confusion about who may attend – FERC should make it clear in public notices that the meetings are open to the public. As a result of the insufficient notice provided, a frequently asked question is whether or not the meetings are for the public or for affected landowners only.
- Addresses of locations missing – The announcement should clearly state where the meeting rooms are at each of the venues. Three of the planned locations are college campuses. No building or room numbers have been provided on the announcement. The public has no idea where to go when they arrive on campus and the suitability and accessibility of the venue is impossible to determine without buildings and room numbers (see above).
- Lack of alternate dates – FERC should provide alternate dates for each of the meetings since they are taking place during the winter when travel can be dangerous.

We respectfully submit the recommendations above, certain that public participation in the scoping process will be severely compromised if they are not addressed satisfactorily.

Sincerely,
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 Carbon Pipeline Alliance
 Chatham Citizens
 Concerned Citizens Against the Pipeline, Holland Township
 Delaware Riverkeeper Network
 Delaware Township Citizens Against the Pipeline
 Durham Concerned Citizens Against the Pipeline
 Gas Drilling Awareness Coalition
 Hopewell Township Citizens Against the PennEast Pipeline
 Lehigh Valley Food & Water Watch
 Moore Township Parents Against the Pipeline
 NJ Sierra Club
 Pennsylvanians Against the PennEast Pipeline
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