

## **Delaware River Basin Commission**

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Dear Ms. van Rossum:

I am writing in response to the petition you delivered on September 9, 2014 which requests that the Delaware River Basin Commission (DRBC) conduct a review of the proposed PennEast Pipeline project. The Commission appreciates and acknowledges your interest in the project and the role of DRBC in its review.

In the case of the proposed PennEast Pipeline project, DRBC staff is following our usual practice to determine whether the project triggers review under the Delaware River Basin Compact and its implementing regulations. Toward that end, Commission staff held an informational project overview meeting with PennEast representatives earlier this month. There is no application pending with DRBC at this time and the meeting was not a pre-application meeting. Based on that meeting, we understand that the design of the project is still at a preliminary stage. Communication with project representatives is expected to continue. If as the details of the project become available we determine that Commission review is triggered, we will conduct a review on that basis. As you may know, the Commission's regulations do not provide for a petition process for deciding which projects are subject to Commission review.

Once again, we appreciate your interest in the DRBC's role in this project. Projects that are subject to the jurisdictional review and action by DRBC include opportunities for public and stakeholder involvement and input at various stages of the review process. We encourage you and other members of the public to participate in those public input processes for any and all projects that are subject to review.

Sincerely,

Steven J. Tambini Executive Director

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