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New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection Division of Land Use 501 East State Street, Station Plaza Five, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Trenton, NJ 08609 Attn: Patricia Cluelow, Supervisor, ASU

Re:

Application for Freshwater Wetlands Individual Permit and Water Quality Certificate NJDEP File Number 0000-17-0007.2 FWW170001

Applicant: PennEast Pipeline Company, LLC

Dear Ms. Cluelow:

On April 6, 2017, PennEast Pipeline Company, LLC ("PennEast" or the "Company") submitted the above-referenced Freshwater Wetlands Individual Permit and Water Quality Certificate application (the "Application"), related to the PennEast Pipeline Project ("Project") to the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection ("NJDEP").

By letter dated April 26, 2017, NJDEP advised PennEast of certain deficiencies in the Application. The letter advised PennEast that if the information requested in the letter was not provided to NJDEP within 60 calendar days from the date of the letter, NJDEP might administratively close the Application.

PennEast respectfully requests that NJDEP provide PennEast with an additional 60 days to respond to NJDEP's requests, and re-evaluate the completeness of the Application at that time based on PennEast's progress in responding to NJDEP's remaining requests. It is within NJDEP's discretion to continue its completeness review of the Application as PennEast responds to NJDEP's information requests.

As you are aware, PennEast has continued to work diligently toward satisfying all remaining requirements that were identified by NJDEP. Two of the deficiencies in the Application that were identified in the initial letter (numbers two and five) had actually already been satisfied by PennEast, as acknowledged by NJDEP in its April 28, 2017 letter to the Company. Furthermore, PennEast promptly provided NJDEP with the requisite maps and newspaper advertisements on May 2, 2017.

PennEast's ability to respond to the outstanding deficiencies identified in the April 26 letter (numbers one, four, and six) is largely dependent on the completion of additional field surveys and approval by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission ("FERC") of PennEast's application for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity ("Certificate") pursuant to the Natural Gas Act. Since the submittal of the Application in April, PennEast has made significant progress on completing field surveys. In fact, as of June 14, 2017, PennEast has completed 39.7% of wetland delineations in Hunterdon County by centerline footage, and 46.9% of wetland delineations in Mercer County by centerline footage. This is a substantial increase from the percentage of completed surveys referenced in the Application. PennEast is working to complete all remaining field surveys as soon as practicable.

PennEast also anticipates that FERC will act expeditiously to review and act upon PennEast's Certificate application once there is a quorum of Commissioners. FERC staff released a Final Environmental Impact Statement ("FEIS") for the Project on April 7, 2017. The FEIS, which was developed with input from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, the U.S. Department of Agriculture Natural Resources Conservation Service, and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency as cooperating agencies, determined that the environmental impacts of the Project would be reduced to less-than-significant measures if constructed in accordance with applicable laws and regulations and if the recommendations set forth in the FEIS were adopted. The U.S. Senate Commissioners, and once confirmed by the full Senate, FERC will be in a position to review and act upon PennEast's application.

PennEast will continue to keep NJDEP apprised of its progress and respond to all remaining information requests as soon as possible.

Thank you for your attention to, and consideration of, this request. Please let me know if you have any questions or require any additional information at this time.

Very truly yours,

PENNEAST PIPELINE COMPANY, LLC

By: UGI PennEast, LLC
Its Authorized Member

Michael A. Mara Authorized Signer cc: John Gray, New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection Ginger Kopkash, New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection Peter Fontaine, Cozen O'Connor