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Delaware Riverkeeper Network Files Petition to Review for Millennium Project

Bristol, PA – Delaware Riverkeeper Network (DRN) has filed a petition for review with the United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit regarding the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation’s decision granting Millennium Pipeline Company LLC’s (Millennium) application for a State Pollutant Discharge Elimination System General Permit for the Eastern System Upgrade (ESU) Project.

The Millennium ESU project includes:

- a new 22,400 horsepower compressor station in the Town of Highland, NY
- addition of a new 22,400 horsepower compressor unit at the existing Hancock Compressor Station in Delaware County, NY
- installation of 7.3 miles of new 36-inch pipeline parallel to Millennium’s existing 24-inch line between the Huguenot and Westtown meter stations in Orange County, NY

“The Millennium ESU clearly should not have been approved by New York for several reasons: because on its own it is a danger to our communities and environment, because it is linked to the Valley Lateral Project and the CPV power plant and so the harms of all these interrelated projects should have been a cumulative look by the state, and because the ESU is clearly just one step in a much larger, future expansion that is obviously to come. It is unfortunate that we have had to do the job of filing litigation against the project and the state’s decision to advance it,” said Maya van Rossum, the Delaware Riverkeeper and leader of the Delaware Riverkeeper Network.

“The permit as issued by NYSDEC does comply with federal law and therefore we seek a recession or remand of the authorization,” said Aaron Stemplewicz, Senior Attorney at Delaware Riverkeeper Network.

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Delaware Riverkeeper Network (DRN) is a nonprofit membership organization working throughout the four states of the Delaware River Watershed including Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Delaware and New York. DRN provides effective environmental advocacy, volunteer monitoring programs, stream restoration projects, public education, and legal enforcement of environmental protection laws.

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