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**PennEast Submits Application --
Environmental Community Says It Will Do What It Has To
In Opposition**

PA/NJ – Just over a year ago the proposed PennEast Pipeline was announced. Today, September 24, over 3 months after they originally threatened to file their application with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC), the PennEast Pipeline project partners (PSEG – Public Service Enterprise Group, UGI Energy Services, Spectra Energy Partners, AGL Resources, NJR Pipeline Company, South Jersey Industries) submitted their application.

The PennEast Pipeline has received record refusals to conduct surveys for the project – with over 2/3 in NJ denying access for survey, despite having higher access in PA the company's July progress report represents that 60% of the project area is available for survey activities, 25 towns and 3 counties have passed resolutions of opposition along with hundreds to thousands of opposition letters and comments already submitted to the FERC express opposition, questions and concerns about the project.

“The PennEast Pipeline is not wanted and it is not needed and if it were to be built it would inflict irreparable harm on the Delaware River Valley and Susquehanna River Valley communities it will cut through. There are numerous expert reports already on the record documenting the water and air pollution that will result, the loss of forest, damage to ecotourism, increased erosion and

flooding impacts, and damage to local businesses PennEast would inflict. And we have submitted proof that the fracked gas PennEast would carry is in fact not needed in our region and so the true goal of the PennEast companies is most likely export to foreign nations. We will do what we have to to stop the PennEast Pipeline, ” said **Maya van Rossum the Delaware Riverkeeper**.

“The real battle to save the Delaware Valley from this damaging pipeline starts now. This pipeline will not only cut an ugly scar through environmentally sensitive lands in the Valley, but it’s a threat to our environment and our homes. This pipeline will promote fracking, add to air pollution, and create safety concerns to the surrounding communities. With all the damage that has already occurred from surveying and testing this land, just think of how much of a disaster a pipeline would be for the area. Environmentalists , along with thousands of citizens and a dozen municipalities oppose this dangerous pipeline.” said **Jeff Tittel, Director of the New Jersey Sierra Club**

“Communities up and down the pipeline route have made it clear that they don't want this pipeline and have no plans to back down. Last month, almost exactly one year to the day after PennEast first announced the pipeline, more than 400 people marched across the Delaware River to protest it. The opposition isn't waning; it's growing," said **Karen Feridun, Founder of Berks Gas Truth**.

"The Delaware River watershed is our land where a river runs through it, not a massive fracked gas pipeline. PennEast is a pipeline too far, and their application clearly shows they didn't listen to the thousands of citizens united against this invasion," said **Doug O'Malley, director of Environment New Jersey**. "PennEast has united citizens from both sides of the river to oppose this massive ecological scar from being ripped through the Delaware Valley, and we're not going away."

“In its filing announcement of September 24th, PennEast continues to lie and misrepresent what this pipeline project is about. Citizens, organizations, scientists and government officials have proven over and over how this project will harm the environment, produce economic hardship, and fail to benefit NJ or PA residents and businesses. We continue to encourage the NJDEP to withhold permits due to lack of survey data and implore FERC to do its job and not rubber stamp this project for which there is no public need or convenience. The Sourland Conservancy and its members, as well as the numerous others opposed to this horrendous project will remain undaunted by PennEast’s filing – we will continue to work to protect our homes, businesses, land, air and water!” **Caroline Katmann, Executive Director, Sourland Conservancy**.

"PSE&G's dirty dangerous PennEast gas pipeline, if the Feds sign off on it, will mean more worse extreme weather, more water pollution, loss of open space and will take people's property

away from them. We will do all we can to stop it!" said **David Pringle with Clean Water Action (NJ)**.

"This project is against the will of the people. If approved, the PennEast pipeline would impact hundreds of important water resources, thousands of residents, and lock our region into a future of fossil fuel dependence," said **Joseph Otis Minott, Esq., Executive Director of the Clean Air Council**. "The people united will defeat this project. UGI has already faced massive delays because of our collective opposition, and today we commit to banding together with the 26 communities, dozens of opposition groups, and hundreds of landowners to oppose this ill-conceived project until UGI withdraws."

The pipeline will need approvals from the FERC, the Delaware River Basin Commission, the states of New Jersey and Pennsylvania, the US Army Corps of Engineers.

In August a rally attended by an estimated 500 people demonstrated the massive and growing opposition to the project. Because of its inability to get survey access PennEast has asked the State of New Jersey for permission to conduct needed surveys aerially.

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