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**Delaware Riverkeeper Network Begins New Segment of
Shale Truth Interview Series with Elizabeth Stanton of Synapse Energy
“Examining the Impacts of Shale Gas Exports”**

Bristol, PA - The Delaware Riverkeeper Network will begin a new series of interviews on Wednesday October 9th, examining the impact of exporting shale gas on the U.S. economy and environment. Delaware Riverkeeper Maya van Rossum traveled to Boston to interview Elizabeth Stanton, Ph.D., of Synapse Energy, a consulting firm that examines energy and environmental issues. Dr. Stanton is a senior economist at Synapse and co-author of a recent white paper examining a Department of Energy (DOE) consultant’s report on the economic impact of developing liquefied natural gas export terminals.

The DOE consulting report, conducted by NERA Economic Consulting, said developing LNG terminals will have economic benefits; however, according to Dr. Stanton, there are flaws in NERA’s methodology, and some of their key conclusions weren’t supported by their analysis. Dr. Stanton said exporting gas would actually increase energy costs and cause hundreds of thousands of jobs to be lost in the United States.

Maya van Rossum, the Delaware Riverkeeper, said, “Clearly, developing LNG export terminals will only benefit the fossil fuel industry and put our economy and environment at risk. We need to be investing in renewable energy sources that create jobs and don’t foul the environment.”

The Delaware Riverkeeper Network is providing these interviews to offer a fully informed perspective on the impacts of shale gas development. All videos in the series can be seen on the Delaware Riverkeeper Network’s YouTube Channel; new episodes premiere every Wednesday: <http://bit.ly/ShaleTruth>.

Earlier segments have featured energy industry analyst Arthur Berman discussing the real supply of natural gas and future prices, landscape restoration expert Leslie Sauer

examining the damage caused by gas pipeline installations, and Cornell University Professor Anthony Ingraffea talking about the overall environmental impacts of shale gas development.

The Delaware Riverkeeper Network, a 501(c)(3) non-profit environmental organization, has been working since 1988 throughout the four states of the Delaware River watershed including New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania and Delaware. With more than 14,000 members, the Delaware Riverkeeper Network is a vital force in the Watershed, working to ensure the rich and healthy future that can only exist with a clean, healthy and free-flowing river system.

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