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**Delaware River Basin Commission Grants Delaware Riverkeeper Network's
Request for Hearing**

Greenwich Township, NJ – On September 11, 2019, the Delaware River Basin Commission (DRBC) unanimously granted the Delaware Riverkeeper Network's request that the agency revisit its June 12, 2019 approval of a docket for the Delaware River Partners, LLC Gibbstown Logistics Center Dock 2 project.

On July 11, Delaware Riverkeeper Network (DRN) filed the hearing request, stating that the DRBC violated its governing Compact and regulations when it approved the project without having "full information on impacts on water resources to the Basin," and that the DRBC failed to "address the full scope of impacts" including harms to water resources from the construction and operation of the project, as well as its intended use for exports of Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG).

Prior to the hearing request, DRN submitted three comment letters to the DRBC, testified at the DRBC's June 6 hearing on the draft docket, and was present at the DRBC's business meeting on June 12. In these letters and testimony/comment, DRN urged the Commission either to: 1) disapprove the draft docket; or 2) withdraw the draft docket until a comprehensive analysis of potential impacts, including those reviewed by other agencies, was complete. The Commission's decision to approve a docket effectively denied these requests.

"While we are glad that the DRBC Commissioners unanimously agreed that our hearing request should be granted, we should not have had to go to the time or expense to make this request. We had asked the DRBC at the hearing prior to their granting of the LNG docket, and urged during the meeting where the docket was approved, that a hearing be held before a decision was made. The Commissioners and staff had every opportunity to get this right and grant a hearing before the decision was ever made. The Delaware Riverkeeper Network is a community supported nonprofit organization and to force us to go to the legal cost, time and expense to make this request is simply wrong. But nonetheless, we did file the request and the Commissioners have granted our request and so we look forward to the opportunity to make our case that the DRBC docket for the Gibbstown LNG facility should be withdrawn," said **Maya K. van Rossum, the Delaware Riverkeeper and leader of the Delaware Riverkeeper Network.**

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"Delaware Riverkeeper Network's successful request for this terrible proposal to be revisited is welcome and reflects the significant impacts that can occur if the Gibbstown Terminal is approved. The concept of bringing LNG into the Delaware River Basin hundreds of miles across Pennsylvania and New Jersey, perpetually transloading to ships this highly dangerous and flammable liquid in Gibbstown, and shipping it out down the Delaware will require harmful dredging, environmental and species destruction, and endangers public health and safety. A comprehensive analysis was not done by the DRBC and we are stepping up to ensure no rubberstamping of such a dangerous proposal," said **Tracy Carluccio, Deputy Director, Delaware Riverkeeper Network**.

The Gibbstown Logistics Center is a proposed deepwater port, to be built in Gibbstown, Greenwich Township, Gloucester County, NJ along the Delaware River. The port would be located on the former DuPont explosives manufacturing site known as the Repauno Plant. The applicant, Delaware River Partners, LLC, wants to use the site to receive Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) by truck and eventually rail from points west (including the Marcellus shale region in Pennsylvania), and export it by ships down the Delaware River for sale overseas. The terminal would also use the site to transport natural gas liquids (NGL) which would be offloaded to tanks and an underground cavern located on site that was used for explosives by DuPont, and then shipped out on the river.

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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.