



May 1, 2017

Steven J. Tambini, Executive Director
Delaware River Basin Commission
25 State Policy Drive
West Trenton, NJ 08628-0360

Re: PennEast Pipeline Project

Dear Mr. Tambini,

At the March 15, 2017 DRBC Commissioners meeting, the community turned out in full force with an extensive comment articulating a wealth of the missing information, misinformation, false information, misleading information and deficient information that is on the record, including with the DRBC, from the PennEast Pipeline Company and the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission in the form of applications, reports and NEPA documentation. The list of deficiencies was so long the community only got through a small portion of the list in the time allotted for public comment.

On April 21, 2017 the US Army Corps of Engineers went on record stating that the application materials submitted with the agency for the proposed PennEast pipeline was incomplete. Among the deficiencies was the need to “complete delineation of waters and wetlands, mitigation plans, cultural resource surveys, Tribal coordination, threatened & endangered species surveys, and Section 408 coordination for proposed crossings of the Lehigh River on the Corps Francis E. Walter dam property and for crossing of the Pohopoco Creek on the Corps Beltzville Lake Property.” The corps notes that in significant sections of the proposed pipeline route, the pipeline company does not have the landowner survey access necessary to compile this information and as a result the Corps has no estimate as to when it might conduct its review or make its final determinations regarding the project.

On April 26, 2017 the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection issued a determination that the PennEast application materials submitted to the state were, similarly, incomplete. Among the deficiencies were:

- Delineations of all freshwater wetlands, transition areas and open waters;
- Soil borings and/or other physical indicators of wetlands, transition areas or open waters;
- Other identified information pertaining to wetlands, open waters and transition areas;

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- An amended Phase I Archaeological Survey Report investigating the entire proposed alignment for the PennEast Pipeline project occurring in the State of New Jersey.

Even the FERC Final EIS notes a wealth of missing information, including much, if not most of which, speaks to issues that have a direct effect on the quality and health of the surface waters, groundwater and wetlands of the Delaware River watershed.

And so, I write to ask you to please confirm, in writing, that you too find the information on the record with the Delaware River Basin Commission to be inadequate and incomplete and that as a result the DRBC, like these other agencies, will not be undertaking any consideration of the PennEast Pipeline project at this time as pertains to a DRBC docket for any portion of the construction of this project. In addition, I ask that you confirm for the public that you will not hold any public hearings until such time as the information filed with the DRBC is demonstrated and verified to be both complete and accurate.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Maya K. van Rossum". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Maya K. van Rossum
the Delaware Riverkeeper