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FERC announces it will prepare an EIS for Adelphia's Marcus Hook Electric Compressor Station

Washington, D.C. - On May 27, 2021, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) announced it would perform an environmental impact statement (EIS) for the Adelphia Gateway Project's proposal to increase capacity at the Marcus Hook compressor station. This notice follows a February 2021 protest filed by the Delaware Riverkeeper Network asking FERC to treat Adelphia's request as an entirely new proposal.

"While FERC's decision to prepare a full environmental impact statement is a positive step, full and fair assessments need to be completed for any natural gas infrastructure project proposed," said **Maya van Rossum, the Delaware Riverkeeper and leader of the Delaware Riverkeeper Network**. "We do not need any more natural gas infrastructure when there is already a glut of natural gas in Pennsylvania, and when the Earth is already experiencing the devastating effects of climate change. We are certainly pleased for the opportunity to provide more information on why this project is a problem as proposed, but we will have to wait and see whether or not this is just a greenwashing change where the people will get more opportunity to be heard before ultimately being abused once again by another FERC rubberstamp outcome."

In December 2020, Adelphia submitted to FERC a "prior notice under blanket authorization" to increase capacity and add an electric compressor at Marcus Hook. FERC released an Environmental Assessment Report on the project just one week before protests were due. Delaware Riverkeeper Network filed the protest on February 16, 2021, urging FERC to treat Adelphia's request as an entirely new proposal, requiring proper noticing and a comment period, and to analyze the GHG and climate change impacts of the increased volume of natural gas.

To read FERC's May 27, 2021 notice, go here:

https://delawareriverkeeper.org/sites/default/files/2021.05.27%20NOI%20to%20Prepare%20EIS.pdf

To read Delaware Riverkeeper Network's February 2021 filing, go here: https://delawareriverkeeper.org/sites/default/files/2021.02.16%20DRN%20Protest%20and%20Intervention.p df

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