



**For Immediate Release:**

December 16, 2021

**Contact:**

Maya van Rossum, the Delaware Riverkeeper, Delaware Riverkeeper Network, 215-801-3043,  
[keepermaya@delawariverkeeper.org](mailto:keepermaya@delawariverkeeper.org)

**FERC Vacates PennEast Certification**

*Washington, D.C.* - At the December 16, 2021 meeting, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) vacated the Certificates of Public Convenience and Necessity it had issued for the PennEast Pipeline, officially ending the pipeline project. This vacatur is subject to leave from the U.S. Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit, which currently has jurisdiction over the orders issuing PennEast's original certificate and the 2019 amendments to that certificate authorizing route amendments in Pennsylvania. FERC also dismissed PennEast's application to construct the PennEast Pipeline in two phases, which was pending before FERC.

This comes after a November 30 letter PennEast sent to FERC, telling FERC that "PennEast has ceased all further development of the Project." The letter was in response to questions raised by the Delaware Riverkeeper Network and Homeowners Against Land Taking-PennEast, Inc. (HALT) in our opposition to a motion to hold the lawsuit challenging PennEast's certificate in abeyance. In a November 23, 2021 letter sent to the PennEast Pipeline company, noting that court filings had alerted the agency to conflicting statements about the expected future of the PennEast pipeline, FERC required the company to explain the status of the pipeline project within seven days.

"We knew this would not be over until FERC rescinded its certifications given to the PennEast pipeline. To ensure the protection of our environment and communities, Delaware Riverkeeper Network has been urging FERC to void any and all approvals it has provided. I am pleased that FERC made the decision today to vacate its prematurely given certificates. We still need the court to allow it all to be finalized but it truly feels at this point like we are getting there" said **Maya van Rossum, the Delaware Riverkeeper and leader of the Delaware Riverkeeper Network.**

Conflicting statements had been made by PennEast to the press and in other court proceedings, leaving open the possibility that PennEast would try to continue to pursue construction of the Pennsylvania portion of the Project. The Delaware Riverkeeper Network (DRN) had been challenging the project in court, and [recently filed](#) in opposition to a motion to hold in abeyance lawsuits challenging FERC's order issuing Certificates of Public Convenience and Necessity -- i.e. FERC approvals -- for the PennEast Pipeline.

#####

DELAWARE RIVERKEEPER NETWORK  
925 Canal Street, Suite 3701  
Bristol, PA 19007  
Office: (215) 369-1188  
fax: (215) 369-1181  
[drm@delawariverkeeper.org](mailto:drm@delawariverkeeper.org)  
[www.delawariverkeeper.org](http://www.delawariverkeeper.org)