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PennEast Pipeline Cancelled! Dogged Opposition by the People Wins the Day

Trenton, NJ; Harrisburg, PA; Washington, D.C.: In a simple statement, the companies advancing the PennEast pipeline project announced it has been cancelled. The statement could not be found on the company's website but has been shared by multiple news outlets and reads:

Although PennEast received a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity from FERC to construct the proposed pipeline and obtained some required permits, PennEast has not received certain permits, including a water quality certification and other wetlands permits under Section 401 of the Clean Water Act for the New Jersey portion of the Project; therefore, the PennEast partners, following extensive evaluation and discussion, recently determined further development of the Project no longer is supported. Accordingly, PennEast has ceased all further development of the Project.

“We knew we would get here eventually, it was just a matter of time,” said **Maya van Rossum, the Delaware Riverkeeper, leader of the Delaware Riverkeeper Network, and staunch opponent to the PennEast Pipeline.** “Organizations like the Delaware Riverkeeper Network, Berks Gas Truth, Environment NJ, NJ Sierra and Clean Water Action, have been partnering with frontline organizations, community leaders, property owners, and

environmental advocates literally since day one. Since the project was announced People Against the Pipeline community groups have been popping up all along the over 100-mile-long line, all coordinating and working together. We have advocated, litigated, conducted critical scientific groundtruthing, and been clear throughout that we would accept nothing short of cancellation! All along, we have assured residents up and down the pipeline that we could win as long as we stuck together in opposition. We stayed united in our opposition and we won! Today is a day to celebrate. Tomorrow we battle on to end the fracking that spawned this evil pipeline project as well as the other LNG, pipeline, and compressor projects that are part and parcel of the devastating and dangerous fracking industry advancing the climate crisis and putting the health and safety of our planet and future generations at such consequential risk.”

The Delaware Riverkeeper Network was in federal court challenging FERC approval of the project, as well as leading efforts to challenge approvals sought from the Delaware River Basin Commission, the PA DEP and the NJDEP.

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