



March 1, 2013

Commissioners
Delaware River Basin Commission
P.O. Box 7360
West Trenton, New Jersey

Dear Commissioners,

Enclosed please find two documents:

1. A Petition being submitted by 66 organizations formally petitioning the Delaware River Basin Commission to exercise its existing legal authority over any pipelines that pass through any portions of the Delaware River Watershed. There is no limitation on your ability to exert jurisdiction and to mandate DRBC docketing of such projects. And there is no other regulatory body that can fulfill the focused mandate of ensuring these projects do not adversely impact the water resources of the Delaware River watershed either individually or cumulatively as they pass from community to community and/or state to state.
2. The hearing request regarding your decision not to review the Tennessee Gas Pipeline Company's Northaast Upgrade Project. Given that this project is having an adverse impact on the water resources of the Delaware River Watershed; given that it is cutting through wetlands and will be dredging through streams; given that it involves a substantial land disturbance that will affect the water resources of the watershed; and given that that it passes through multiple areas that have been incorporated into the DRBC Comprehensive Plan, an element of the DRBC Rules of Practice and Procedure the DRBC now acknowledges mandates project review by the DRBC for pipeline projects reconsideration of your failure to exercise jurisdiction is clearly warranted.

The organizations submitting these documents, as well as the community members we represent, expect you will consider and decide upon both requests at your March 6, 2013 meeting and expect to be given the opportunity to offer testimony and input prior to your rendering any decision and casting any votes. This comment time should be prior to your taking action on the Petition and/or the hearing request, including

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rendering a decision not to vote on either matter on the 6th, (as clearly a failure to cast a vote on the 6th has very real ramifications for the pipeline projects already moving forward on the ground and through the system). Merely relegating public comment to the end of the meeting when there is no opportunity to impact your decisionmaking on these matters will not be considered responsive to our request.

Respectfully submitted,



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the Delaware Riverkeeper