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RE: Submitted Remarks for Sunoco's Mariner East 2 Permits

Thank you for the opportunity to submit comments for the record on Sunoco's Mariner East 2 Project. JARI supports this important infrastructure project for the multitude of benefits it will bring to the Johnstown region and communities across Pennsylvania. For these reasons, we urge the Department of Environmental Protection to issue the necessary permits to construct the Sunoco Pipeline Mariner East 2 Project.

According to the Department of Transportation, pipelines are the safest mode to transport energy resources --- safer than transporting these fuels by truck on our roadways, and safer than transport by rail. Couple this with Sunoco Logistic's long-standing devotion to safety and the economic benefits this project will provide, we are confident this project ensures the highest level of environmental protection.

This project also will generate \$4.2 billion for Pennsylvania's economy and nearly \$62 million in tax revenues for our state. That money will greatly serve communities both along the proposed pipeline route and off the direct pathway, providing funds for schools, roads, environmental projects and other community services. Outside the additional funds to state coffers, the project will provide a significant market opportunity for growth across multiple economic sectors by increasing the availability of the affordable energy resources we produce right here in Pennsylvania. One economic study concluded that the project will invest \$3 billion in Pennsylvania's economy and generate living-wage jobs --- around 30,000 new jobs during construction and 400 permanent jobs once it is built.

By transporting propane, ethane, and other natural gas liquids from the Marcellus Shale formation, as this project will do, Pennsylvanians will benefit greatly due to increased access to affordable and reliable home heating fuel, a key issue for our part of the state. In addition, Pennsylvania's manufacturing sector will benefit because of natural gas liquids' use as feedstock for a variety of manufactured goods like paint, plastic, glaze, solvent, powdered metals and fertilizers, which benefit our agricultural industry.

By increasing access and reliable transport of these products, positive effects will be felt throughout Pennsylvania's economy, including and especially in Johnstown. I urge DEP to approve the permits for this project for the many positive impacts that the Sunoco Pipeline Mariner East 2 Project promises. Thank you.


Linda Thomson, President