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Mr. Domenic Rocco Program Manager, Waterways and Wetlands PA Department of Environmental Protection 2 E. Main Street Norristown, PA 19401

RE: Chapter 102 and 105 permit applications submitted by Sunoco Logistics, Inc. for the Pennsylvania Pipeline Project (PPP), also commonly referred to as Mariner East 2.

Dear Mr. Rocco:

The Mon Valley Alliance is an association of businesses that engages in actions to promote economic growth in the still economically struggling Mid Mon Valley region of southwestern Pennsylvania. The presence of Marcellus Shale gas in our region has been a bright spot in providing both direct employment and lower energy prices that contribute to the growth of local businesses.

The development of crucial gas line infrastructure will help to broaden markets for natural gas in our region and promote broader utilization of this clean and efficient energy source.

A key example of a crucial gas infrastructure project is the Mariner East 2 project. This Sunoco Logistics project will transport NGLs from eastern Ohio and southwestern Pennsylvania to the Marcus Hook industrial complex outside of Philadelphia. These NGLs supply heat during the winter and are used to power homes and businesses and, most importantly, are a fuel source and feedstock for Pennsylvania's manufacturing industry. These NGLs are especially important to manufacturers because they can be used in a variety of sectors, including: chemicals, metals, glass, food processing, plastics, fibers, adhesives, coatings, cleaning agents, among many others.

This pipeline will be a direct boost to Pennsylvania's manufacturing industry, now, and for decades to come. A recent Price Water House Coopers study estimates that domestic natural gas and natural gas liquid production will provide an annual cost savings of \$22.3 billion in 2030 and \$34.1 billion in 2040 to the American manufacturing sector. But without the completion of projects, like the Mariner East II pipeline, these benefits won't be realized.

This pipeline project has the potential to generate \$4.2 billion to the Pennsylvania economy and generate \$62 million in tax revenues for the state, all while putting hard working Americans to work. During construction, the project is expected to support 30,000 jobs and once completed 300 - 400 permanent jobs. And, with all the steel being sourced domestically and coated right here in Pennsylvania, these economic and employment benefits are already being realized.

The Mariner East 2 project will provide significant benefits to the state and we recommend that the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection grant them their final permits to start construction.

Sincerely,

Joseph P. Kirk
Executive Director