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**AED Urges Approval of Pennsylvania Pipeline Project/Mariner East II Permits**

Dear Secretary McDonnell and Deputy Secretary Perry:

I am writing on behalf of Associated Equipment Distributors (AED) to strongly urge the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection to approve the permit applications for the Pennsylvania Pipeline Project/Marine East II.

AED is the trade association representing companies involved in selling, renting and servicing construction, mining, energy, forestry, industrial, and agricultural equipment. In addition to equipment distributors, our membership also includes leading equipment manufacturers and service providers to our industry. Thirty-seven AED members are headquartered in Pennsylvania, including 26 dealerships, six manufacturers, and five service providers. Our dealer members have 82 locations in the state (some of which represent companies headquartered in other states).

Pennsylvania is the third largest natural gas producing state in the nation. The economic impact of the state's leadership in developing shale energy resources cannot be overstated. Currently, more than 300,000 Pennsylvanians work in the industry. In addition, the successful development of Pennsylvania's Marcellus and Utica shales have enabled the oil and gas industry to contribute more than \$34 billion to the local economy, and that number is only expected to grow.

The expansion and modernization of the state's pipeline infrastructure is critical to the state's continued position as a leader in America's new energy economy. Not only will the Mariner East II pipeline bring clean and inexpensive energy to more Pennsylvanians, but it will bring over \$3 billion dollars of outside investment and thousands of new jobs.

According to Econsult Solutions, the construction of the Mariner II pipeline will also support more than 15,000 jobs annually over a two-year period and generate \$1.9 billion in labor income. More specifically, the project will create over 6,900 construction jobs and drive millions of dollars into construction-related industries and equipment

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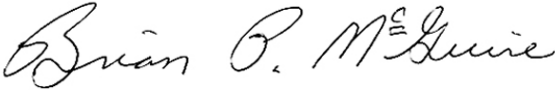
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purchases. For those reasons, AED strongly encourages the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection to expedite and approve the permits for the PA Pipeline Project.

AED is thankful for your leadership in overseeing this project. We believe that the Mariner East II pipeline will be a catalyst for economic growth in Pennsylvania and ensure the state remains a leader in clean shale energy.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Brian P. McGuire". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "B" and a distinct "P" and "M".

Brian P. McGuire  
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