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Re: Chapters 102 & 105 Permit Applications – Technical Review
Sunoco Logistics, Inc. – Mariner East Phase 2

Via: RA-EPWW-SWRO@pa.gov

Dear Ms. Coleman:

The Marcellus Shale Coalition (MSC) was formed in 2008 and is comprised of approximately 220 natural gas producer, midstream and supply chain members who are fully committed to working with local, state and federal government officials, local communities, and other stakeholders to facilitate the development of the natural gas resources in the Marcellus, Utica and related geological formations. Our members represent many of the largest and most active companies in natural gas production, gathering and transmission in the country, as well as the consultants, suppliers and contractors who work with the industry.

The MSC appreciates the opportunity to comment on and lend its strong support for the Department of Environmental Protection's (DEP) issuance of the Chapter 102 and Chapter 105 permits submitted by Sunoco Logistics, Inc. for its pipeline projects commonly referred to as Mariner East Phase 2. As DEP knows, much of the proposed corridor for Mariner East Phase 2 will follow the existing Mariner East 1 pipeline, which will help greatly in mitigating and minimizing impacts on existing landowners.

Pipelines have been demonstrated to be the safest means of transporting energy resources from the areas of production to the areas of use. Our Commonwealth and nation have seen a significant and historic increase in shale gas production over the last decade, as producers tap resources which previously were limited due to economic or technological considerations. This tremendous increase in production, which has seen Pennsylvania climb to become the second largest natural gas producer in the nation, has had a significant positive economic impact on consumers; created and retained tens of thousands of jobs; contributed to significant enhancements of our air quality; and lessened our dependence on foreign energy resources at a time of growing geopolitical instability.

To maximize and sustain these benefits, it is incumbent that officials at all levels of government work collaboratively to authorize the critical infrastructure necessary to transport these resources to market. Additionally, it is imperative that such projects be designed, constructed and operated in

a manner that provides the maximum level of protection for our environment and natural resources. To this end, DEP's careful review of the technical merits of the pending Chapter 102 and Chapter 105 permits, relating to earthmoving as well as crossings of wetlands, streams and floodways, is a critical component of this collaboration.

As you know, Pennsylvania's Chapters 102 and 105 permitting criteria are among the highest in the nation. The design, construction, inspection and monitoring requirements included in each of the permitting regimes all help to ensure that Pennsylvania's water resources, and all those who depend upon them, are protected.

Approval of these permits, and continued forward movement on the Mariner East Phase 2 project, are critical to fully realizing many of the positive economic, environmental and energy security benefits of domestic shale gas production. All told, Mariner East Phase 2 will invest more than \$3 billion of private capital into the Commonwealth's economy, supporting over 30,000 jobs throughout the construction phase. Long-term benefits will yield nearly 400 permanent jobs and infuse over \$100 million annually into our economy. Sunoco Logistics is committed to constructing and operating this project with the highest consideration for protecting our Commonwealth's natural resources. The MSC urges DEP's favorable consideration of these important permits.

Thank you for your consideration of these comments.

Sincerely,



Jim Welty
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