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RE: Sunoco Logistics Chapter 102 and 105 Permit Applications for the Pennsylvania Pipeline Project

**ESG0500015001 – Counties: Allegheny, Cambria, Indiana, Washington and Westmoreland;
E02-1718 - Allegheny County; E11-352 - Cambria County; E32-508 - Indiana County; E63-674 -
Washington County; E65-973 - Westmoreland County**

Dear Ms. Malone,

On behalf of the Pennsylvania Chamber of Business and Industry (PA Chamber), the largest, broad-based business advocacy group in the Commonwealth, I am writing in support of Sunoco Pipeline LP's applications for permits granting coverage under the state's Chapter 102 and 105 programs for a natural gas liquids pipeline project, referred to in the application as the "Pennsylvania Pipeline Project" and referenced more widely as the "Mariner East Project." As this application would allow for the construction of a project vital to the continued growth of Pennsylvania's economy in a manner that is sufficiently protective of the Commonwealth's environmental resources and public, and that will be constructed and operated in compliance with the state's robust regulatory framework for water and wetland resources, I urge you to grant approval of this project.

The Mariner East Project represents a \$4.2 billion investment opportunity into Pennsylvania's economy and, beyond the thousands of jobs during construction, will support hundreds of manufacturing jobs across the state – both for the infrastructure and equipment needed to build the pipeline and in the processing and refining of various natural gas liquids to be used in a variety of manufacturing processes. In particular, the construction of the Mariner East project is necessary to securing southeast Pennsylvania's role as an energy hub, focused on the refinement and processing of natural gas liquids and the associated manufacturing opportunities made possible by those liquids. The project will also continue to support continued exploration and production of natural gas in rural Pennsylvania.

In recent years, the expanded exploration and production of natural gas from the Marcellus shale in Pennsylvania has led to significant environmental and economic gains. There remains, however, a significant lack of pipeline infrastructure that threatens to limit the tremendous potential this resource represents for the state and nation's economy, environment and energy security. Additional pipeline investment such as this project will support valuable, high-paying jobs involved in gas production, encouraging a stable, affordable supply of gas to be used in home heating, power generation, manufacturing and transportation.

Increased supply and use of natural gas will assist the Commonwealth in maintaining an affordable, diverse energy portfolio and will also aid in attaining and maintaining continued compliance with federal National Ambient Air Quality Standards. In addition to improving public health, attaining these standards facilitates the permitting of new and expanded projects across the state, which is beneficial to the

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economy. Pennsylvania has made significant, documented reduction in all NAAQS criteria pollutants over the past decade, and the increased use of natural gas can help continue this progress.

The proposed permit conditions outlined in the project's applications are appropriate, satisfy necessary regulatory criteria and are sufficiently protective of the environment and public. The proposed project will consist of a number of components that are necessary to ensure proper and safe operation of a pipeline, including compliance with federal pipeline safety requirements, regular leak and corrosion detection efforts, and a robust an on-going public safety outreach campaign.

Further, the applications describe how Sunoco Logistics has taken great strides to reduce impacts to environmentally sensitive areas. These efforts include minimizing, to the greatest extent possible, construction activities outside of existing rights-of-way or within or near wetlands and waterways. Sunoco Logistics also intends to use horizontal direction drilling to minimize surface impacts, such as tree clearing, in environmentally sensitive areas, such as forested wetlands and/or habitats containing threatened or endangered species. Finally, appropriate best management practices are identified that will avoid, minimize and/or mitigate earth disturbance, erosion, soil runoff, thermal impacts, riparian buffers, and wetlands impacts. Most of these impacts are temporary in nature, and the BMPs identified will allow the project to proceed in a manner that is compliant with, if not exceeding, the state's robust regulatory framework.

Construction of the Mariner East project will allow for continued economic growth and environmental protection. For these reasons, the PA Chamber urges your office to issue these vital permits.

Sincerely,



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