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Mr. Domenic Rocco
Program Manager, Waterways and Wetlands
Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection
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Dear Mr. Rocco:

The Maritime Exchange for the Delaware River and Bay is a nonprofit trade association dedicated to promoting commerce and safe navigation of vessels and cargos throughout the Delaware River port complex. On behalf of the Exchange's approximate 300 members, we write in support of the Sunoco Logistics Pennsylvania Pipeline Project, also commonly referred to as Mariner East II.

This project complements Sunoco Logistics' Mariner East I pipeline system. These two pipeline systems, designed following state-of-the-art standards and using the highest quality components, will transport natural gas liquids (NGLs) from Southwestern Pennsylvania to the Marcus Hook Industrial Complex facility on the Delaware River.

Sunoco Logistics, a company with deep regional roots, is committed to the use of skilled union labor in its development of one of the safest, most advanced systems known for transport of NGLs. Mariner East II has the potential to create more than 30,100 direct and indirect jobs during the construction phase and approximately 300-400 permanent positions throughout Pennsylvania.

Completion of Mariner East II will create a catalyst for industrial activity throughout the entire Northeast, facilitate access to domestically produced NGLs for manufacturers and businesses, and expand processing and exportation of NGLs by tanker from Marcellus Shale fields to domestic and overseas markets. The projected arrival of 200 to 300 tankers annually to transport these new cargos can only serve to reinforce and grow the region's energy renaissance and existing port activity.

Today, Delaware River ports handle over 2,300 ship calls per year and contribute \$7.8 billion in wages and salaries, \$781 million in state and local taxes, and \$53 million overall to the regional economy. Mariner East II, a modernized and expanded energy infrastructure project, will pour millions of dollars more into our industry.

Thank you for this opportunity to express our views. Please contact me at dennis.rochford@maritimedelriv.com, or 215-925-2615 with questions or requests for additional information.

Sincerely,

Dennis Rochford
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cc: Lisa Himber, Vice President