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Re: PennEast Pipeline Company, LLC
Joint Permit Application – Supplemental Information
PADEP Application Nos. E40-780, E13-185, E48-435, and E09-998
Luzerne, Carbon, Northampton, and Bucks Counties

Dear Mr. White:

On January 30, 2020, the PennEast Pipeline Company, LLC (PennEast) filed an Abbreviated Application for Amendment to Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity (2020 Amendment Application) with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) for the PennEast Pipeline Project (Project). The 2020 Amendment Application addressed PennEast's proposal to stage Project construction and to construct and operate a new aboveground facility in Northampton County. The Church Road Interconnects is a newly proposed metering and regulating station that would provide interconnects with existing Columbia Gas Transmission, LLC and Adelphia Gateway, LLC pipelines at approximately milepost (MP) 68.3R3. This new facility will be sited on a parcel that is owned by PennEast in Bethlehem Township, Northampton County.

This proposed change does not result in additional wetland, watercourse, or floodway impacts, but it would require additional workspace and newly proposed stormwater management facilities. These proposed changes affect a couple of figures, agency consultations, and the Project Description that PennEast submitted in its Joint Permit Applications (JPAs). PennEast has updated the following JPA Sections to address these changes:

Section D: Cultural Consultations

PennEast completed archaeological and architectural history surveys for the Church Road Interconnects and reported results to the Pennsylvania State Historic Preservation Office (PASHPO). The PASHPO concurred that construction of the Church Road Interconnects would not affect historic properties. PennEast has revised the cultural resource summary for each county and included reports and agency correspondence in the enclosed supplemental information.

Section G: PNDI Consultations

Due to the workspace change, PennEast consulted with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat

Commission (PFBC), and the Pennsylvania Game Commission (PGC) to confirm that the proposed Project changes would not result in impacts to threatened or endangered species. Each agency confirmed that construction of the Church Road Interconnects would not impact protected species. Additionally, PennEast has had additional communications with the PFBC and PGC that are included in this supplement. PennEast has revised the county-specific summaries, updated the table that outlines comprehensive consultation to date, and included agency correspondence in the enclosed supplemental information.

Section H-1: Alignment Sheets

The workspace changes affected alignment sheets 000-03-01-137 and 000-03-03-048.01. These sheets have been revised to reflect the proposed workspace changes. These drawings updates are specific to the Northampton County JPA supplement.

Section I: Project Location Map

The workspace changes affected workspace shown on the Project Location Map in Northampton County. PennEast submits a revised Project Location Map to replace the version provided in the previously submitted Northampton County JPA.

Section J: Project Description Narrative

PennEast updated the Project Description to describe staging Project construction and include the revised workspace requirements, inclusive of the Church Road Interconnects. The PNDI section was also updated to reflect the Special Take Permit that the PFBC issued in November 2019.

Section L-1: Environmental Assessment Module 1 – Project Summary

PennEast updated Module 1 for consistency with the revised Project Description, where appropriate.

Section L-2B: Wetland Delineation Report

PennEast is providing a Wetland Delineation Report addendum specific to the study area for the Church Road Interconnects in the Northampton County JPA. This addendum documents the upland conditions that were observed during field surveys.

PennEast respectfully submits for your review the enclosed supplemental information that amends the Luzerne, Carbon, Northampton, and Bucks County JPAs that PennEast revised as recently as October 2019. PennEast has included county-specific Tables of Contents that outline the documents and drawings that were submitted in the December 2018 JPA, the October 2019 response to technical comments, and whether the section has been updated in March 2020 to address Project changes and continued agency consultations.

- The term “Replacement” within the March 2020 Submittal column indicates when an entire document or drawing sheet should replace the latest version.
- The term “Addendum” within the March 2020 Submittal column indicates that the document should be considered an addendum of the December 2018 and/or October 2019 JPA (i.e. continued agency consultations, Wetland Delineation Report).
- A dash (“-”) indicates that the JPA Section was unaffected by Project changes and did not require edits.

Thank you for your continued time and effort in reviewing these applications. We look forward to continuing to work with the PADEP in the coming months. Please feel free to contact me at (610) 373-

7999 x 1172 or aholly@ugies.com if you need any additional information or have any questions during your review of this supplemental information.

Sincerely,

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