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June 15, 2021  
Department of Environmental Protection  
Southeast Region  
Waterways and Wetlands Program  
2 Main St.  
Norristown, PA 19401

Re: Chapter 102 Permit No. ESG0100015001 & Chapter 105 Permit No. E15-862

Today I write on behalf of our members and trades workers to demonstrate our support for the Mariner East pipeline and to underscore the benefits of this project for our community and the commonwealth as a whole.

As we have seen already, this project has created countless positive benefits throughout the Keystone State. This construction project alone has created about 10,000 jobs, and once the pipeline is completed there will be continued employment for upkeep and maintenance. This last permit needed is essential to finishing the project. Pennsylvania's energy sector is crucial to our state's economy, contributing nearly \$50 billion to our revenue, and has grown to become one of the largest energy industries in the United States. This pipeline only adds to our state's success and will greatly benefit our local economy.

Energy Transfer has made sure to evaluate and proceed with construction in a way that protects our environment. This change from horizontal directional drilling to open cut pipe installation will help keep local communities and our workers who are building and servicing the pipeline safe. Even with these setbacks and changes within the construction, Energy Transfer has always prioritized the safety of the community and environment while also protecting workers.

This vital investment for Pennsylvania allows us to capitalize on more affordable natural resources. Pipelines transport large amounts of natural resources in lieu of higher emissions-emitting transporting like truck and rail, which help to bring down energy-related carbon emissions. I ask that you approve this permit and the new construction method. Thank you.

Sincerely,

