



May 25, 2021

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

Re: Mariner East Chapter 102 & 105 permit modifications

To the Attention of the DEP's Permit Review Team:

The Mon Valley Alliance supports the Mariner East pipeline and is strongly encouraging the Department of Environmental Protection to allow the pipeline developer to modify its construction method to complete its field work. MVA is devoted to the improvement of western Pennsylvania and we believe the pipeline, which helps us get gas harvested here to markets in eastern Pennsylvania and beyond, is an invaluable commercial asset.

The Mon Valley Alliance is dedicated to ensuring the longevity of our communities through maintained economic revitalization, sustainability, and philanthropic action. The legacy of the Monongahela valley as a cradle for industry and entrepreneurship inspires our work to uplift our communities through aiding local businesses and supporting charities.

Because of our commitment to western Pennsylvania, MVA supports the Mariner East project and the revenue the pipeline would produce. We have seen firsthand how natural gas has revitalized our region and we hope to maintain this promising economic growth.

Locally, the potential of the cracker plant in Beaver County spurred massive employment opportunities and significantly boosted regional economies and will continue to do so as it prepares to come online. Likewise, the Mariner East project promises an impact of more than \$9 billion statewide, contributing to the already tens of billions of dollars that the energy industry has generated for Pennsylvania.

The pipeline runs through our region on its west-to-east path across the state, making it so important for this final piece in southeastern Pennsylvania to finally finish it. Energy Transfer has proposed an open cut method for laying pipeline to protect local communities from inadvertent returns that may occur during alternative drilling methods.



Our region's industrial history is a source of pride. Unfortunately, we recently saw the negative impacts of overregulation through the cancellation of more than \$1 billion in investments at Mon Valley Works. Let's not make the same mistake here. We hope DEP will avoid further delay and approve the Chapter 102 and 105 permits to get this project completed without further delay.

MVA encourages DEP to consider the vast economic opportunities that the Mariner East pipeline promises for Pennsylvania. We understand concerns and are confident in Energy Transfer's current strategy. Thank you for your time and consideration on this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Ben Brown', is positioned above the typed name.

Ben Brown
CEO
Mon Valley Alliance