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**Re: UPDATE - PennEast Pipeline Project – Church Road Interconnects Facility
Bethlehem Township, Northampton County, PA**

Dear Mr. Cooper,

Thank you for the submission of your field survey for Pennsylvania Natural Diversity Inventory (PNDI) Environmental Review Receipt Number 617219 (Manual_1) for review (formerly PNDI Number 22426). PA Department of Conservation and Natural Resources screened this project for potential impacts to species and resources under DCNR's responsibility, which includes plants, terrestrial invertebrates, natural communities, and geologic features only.

No Impact Anticipated per Survey

PNDI records indicate species or resources under DCNR's jurisdiction are located in the vicinity of the project. Numerous rare plant populations were documented during botanical surveys conducted within the proposed PennEast Pipeline project footprint and subsequent revisions. PennEast coordinated with DCNR to develop a suitable mitigation strategy which was approved by our office on August 24, 2018.

UPDATE: The recently proposed metering and regulation station (Church Road Interconnects) occurs almost entirely within the previously surveyed corridors. DCNR reviewed potential workspace extending outside the previous survey boundaries and determined that no impact is likely.

Additional Recommended Actions:

- Design the project to minimize the area of disturbance to the fullest extent that would allow for construction. This will help to lessen the area of soil and vegetation disturbance associated with this project.
- Clean boot treads, construction equipment, and vehicles thoroughly (especially the undercarriage and wheels) before they are brought on site. This will remove invasive plant seeds and invasive earthworms/cocoons that may have been picked up at other sites.
- Do not transport unsterilized leaves, mulch, compost, or soil to the site from another location.
- Do not use seed mixes that include invasive species. Please also use weed-free straw or hay mixes. More information about invasive species in Pennsylvania can be found at the following link:
<http://www.dcnr.pa.gov/Conservation/WildPlants/InvasivePlants/Pages/default.aspx>
- Use habitat appropriate seed mixes. For example, when reseeding along a waterway, utilize a riparian seed mix. The Bureau of Forestry Planting & Seeding Guidelines can be found here for recommendations:
http://www.docs.dcnr.pa.gov/cs/groups/public/documents/document/dcnr_20031083.pdf

- Report occurrences of invasive species to iMapInvasives at <https://www.imapinvasives.org/>. Focus on large infestations and species that are not yet well established in the region or in Pennsylvania (<https://www.paimapinvasives.org/be-on-the-lookout>).

This response represents the most up-to-date review of the PNDI data files and is valid for two (2) years only. If project plans change or more information on listed or proposed species becomes available, our determination may be reconsidered. Should the proposed work continue beyond the period covered by this letter and a permit has not been acquired, please resubmit the project to this agency as an "Update" (including an updated PNDI receipt, project narrative, description of project changes and accurate map). As a reminder, this finding applies to potential impacts under DCNR's jurisdiction only. Visit the PNHP website for directions on contacting the Commonwealth's other resource agencies for environmental review.

Should you have any questions or concerns, please contact Jason Ryndock, Ecological Information Specialist, by phone (717-705-2822) or via email (c-jryndock@pa.gov).

Sincerely



Greg Podniesinski, Section Chief
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January 23, 2020

PADCNR Reference
PNDI Large Project #022426

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PennEast Pipeline Project - Newly proposed aboveground facility

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PennEast has previously consulted with the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (PADCNR) regarding state-listed plant species within the Project study corridor. Based on those consultations, PennEast does not anticipate any adverse effects to state-listed plant species as a result of the new facility or the phasing of Project construction.

At this time, on behalf of PennEast, AECOM respectfully asks the PADCNR review the enclosed materials and provide any feedback relating to threatened or endangered species under the jurisdiction of the PADCNR. If you have any questions or require additional information, please feel free to contact me via email or telephone.

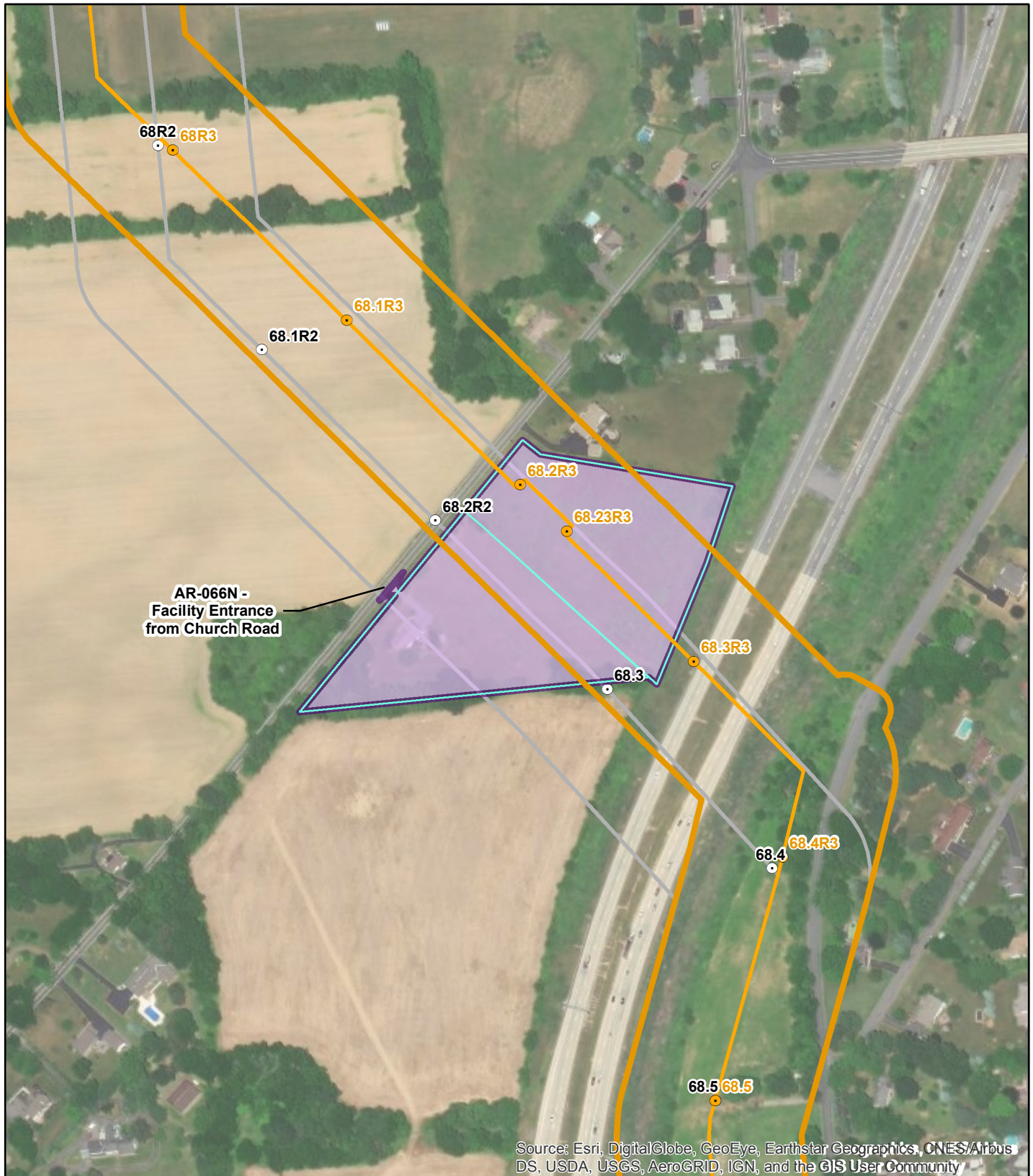
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November 26, 2019

IN REPLY REFER TO

SIR# 44756

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**RE: Species Impact Review – SIR#44756
Biological Opinion, Threatened and Endangered Species Special Permit
PennEast Pipeline Project
Moore Township, Northampton County, Pennsylvania**

Dear Brian Cooper:

The Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission (PFBC) has reviewed the project plans and supporting biological survey documents for the PennEast Pipeline Project proposed by PennEast Pipeline Company, LLC. The enclosed document represents the PFBC's biological opinion about the effects of the proposed activity on state listed species, and a Special Permit that authorizes their incidental take.

Pursuant to the authority under the Fish and Boat Code, 30 Pa.C.S. § § 2102 and 2305, the PFBC hereby grants PennEast Pipeline Company, LLC a Special Permit, as per 58 PA Code 75.4 (1)(iii) to take threatened and endangered species for purposes of installing the PennEast Pipeline Project. This permit authorizes take, which was determined by the enclosed PFBC Biological Opinion to include the state endangered and federally threatened Bog Turtle (2). **The permit conditions outlined in the PFBC Special Permit are mandatory.** This Special Permit is valid through the completion of the project, and expires on November 30, 2024. If the project is not completed by November 30, 2024, PennEast Pipeline Company, LLC shall reinitiate consultation with the PFBC to re-evaluate project impacts on the state listed species, and to determine the appropriateness of the Special Permit and its conditions contained in the Biological Opinion.

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If you have any questions regarding this Biological Opinion and/or Special Permit, please contact me at 814-359-5113, curban@pa.gov or Gregory Lech at 610-847-8772, glech@pa.gov. Thank you for your cooperation and attention to this important matter of species conservation and habitat protection.

Sincerely,

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Christopher A. Urban, Chief
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cc: Pamela Shellenberger, USFWS

Enclosure

January 23, 2020

PFBC Reference
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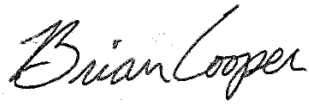
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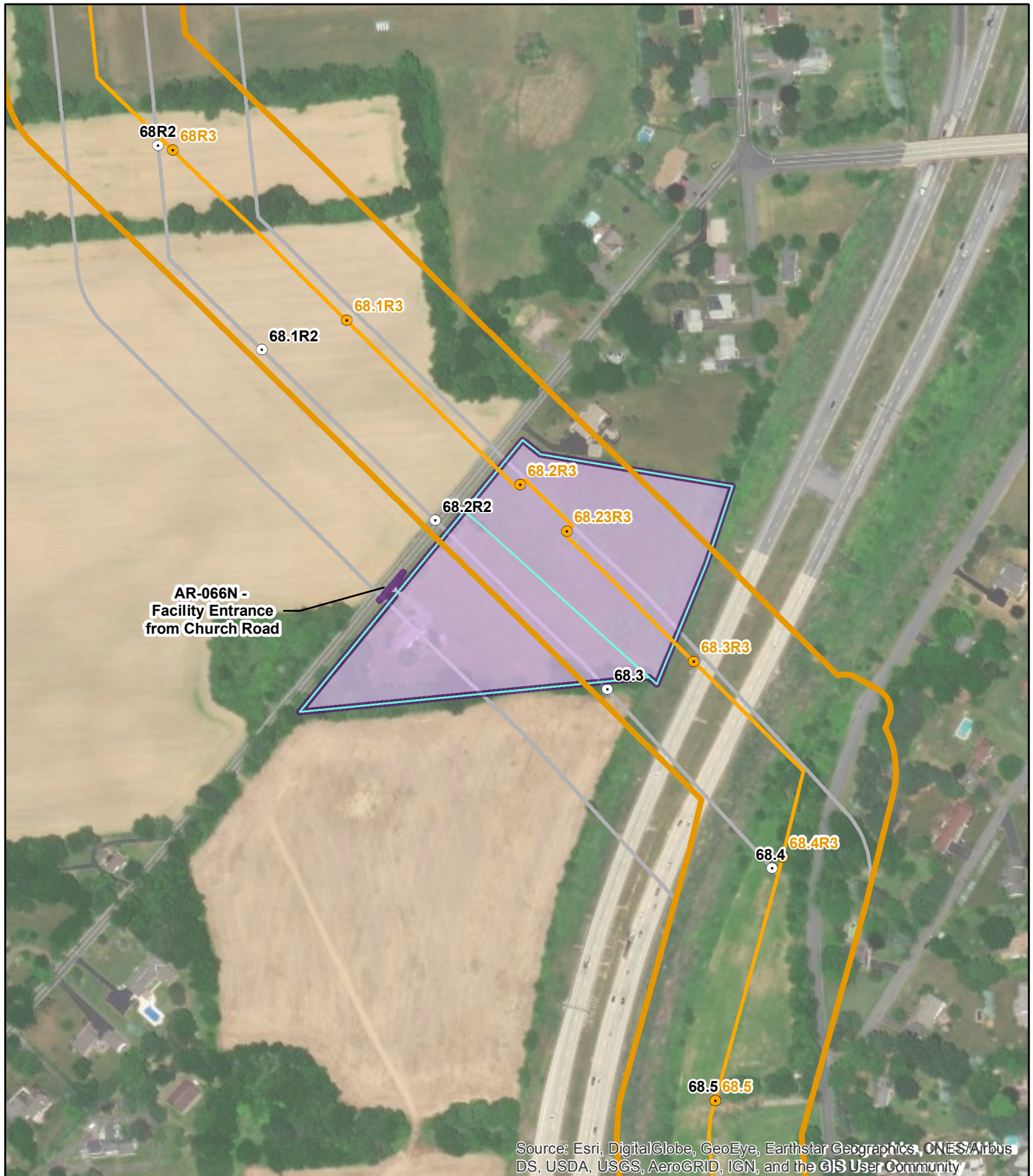
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**RE: Species Impact Review (SIR) – Rare, Candidate, Threatened and Endangered Species
PNDI Search No.
PennEast Pipeline Project – Newly proposed aboveground facility
NORTHAMPTON County:**

Dear Brian Cooper:

This responds to your updated Species Impact Review #44756 submitted by e-mail on January 23, 2020. This review is limited to the referenced “Newly proposed aboveground facility” near Church Road in Bethlehem Township, Northampton County.

Except for occasional transient species, rare, candidate, threatened or endangered species under our jurisdiction are not known to exist in the vicinity of the project area. Therefore, no biological assessment or further consultation regarding rare species is needed with the Commission. Should project plans change, or if additional information on listed or proposed species becomes available, this determination may be reconsidered.

This response represents the most up-to-date summary of the PNDI data and our files and is valid for two (2) years from the date of this letter. An absence of recorded species information does not necessarily imply species absence. Our data files and the PNDI system are continuously being updated with species occurrence information. Should project plans change or additional information on listed or proposed species become available, this determination may be reconsidered, and consultation shall be re-initiated.

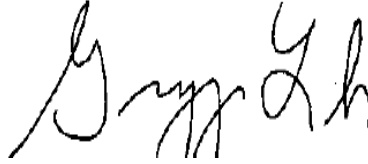
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Hi Tracey,

Thanks for providing feedback on the Pinchot Reroute. This reroute includes less than 40 acres of tree clearing, so Q2 ("Will there be more than 40 acres of tree removal?") should have been answered "No." That's my bad. To answer your other questions:

1. Seasonal tree felling restrictions for bats (commitments from USFWS BO):
 - a. PennEast has committed to felling all trees $\geq 5"$ dbh (Project-wide, PA and NJ) between November 1 and March 31.
 - b. PennEast will conduct all tree removal (regardless of dbh) between November 1 and March 31 within 150 ft of known maternity roosts of northern long-eared bats (MP 38.7 and 42.2R2).
 - c. PennEast will only clear trees $\geq 3"$ dbh between November 15 and March 31 within northern long-eared bat swarming habitat (MP 4.6R2-16 and 65.7-82.7).
2. Blasting near hibernacula (commitments from USFWS BO and PGC Consultation):
 - a. PennEast will not blast within 0.25 miles of known northern long-eared bat hibernacula
 - b. PennEast will not blast within 0.25 miles of hibernacula PE-MF-023 in Luzerne County, Pennsylvania

I hope these answer your questions. Feel free to give me a call or send me an email if you need any more information.

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At this time, we respectfully request that your agency review the proposed route adjustment and provide any input regarding additional survey requests in this area. If you have any questions or require additional information for your review, please feel free to contact me at your convenience.

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Please let me know if you need anything else from me.

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Re: PennEast Pipeline Company, LLC – PennEast Pipeline Project (*Revision*)
Manual Project PNDI Review - State Game Lands Nos. 40, 91, 129, and 168
Luzerne, Carbon, Northampton, and Bucks Counties, PA

Dear Mr. Cooper,

Thank you for submitting your Pennsylvania Natural Diversity Inventory (PNDI) Large Project Environmental Review request. The Pennsylvania Game Commission (PGC) screened this project for potential impacts to species and resources of concern under PGC responsibility, which includes birds and mammals only. This is an update to the PNDI letter that was issued on January 9, 2019 based on the additional information that was provided to the PGC since that date.

Potential Impact Anticipated

PNDI records indicate species or resources of concern are located in the vicinity of the project. The PGC has received and thoroughly reviewed the information that you provided to this office as well as PNDI data, and has determined that potential impacts to threatened, endangered, and species of special concern may be associated with your project. Therefore, additional measures are necessary to avoid potential impacts to the species listed below:

Scientific Name	Common Name	PA Status	Federal Status
<i>Myotis sodalis</i>	Indiana Bat	ENDANGERED	ENDANGERED
<i>Myotis septentrionalis</i>	Northern Long-eared Bat	ENDANGERED	THREATENED
<i>Glaucomys sabrinus macrotis</i>	Northern Flying Squirrel	ENDANGERED	N/A
<i>Myotis lucifugus</i>	Little Brown Bat	ENDANGERED	N/A
<i>Perimyotis subflavus</i>	Tri-colored Bat	ENDANGERED	N/A
<i>Neotoma magister</i>	Allegheny Woodrat	THREATENED	N/A
<i>Myotis leibii</i>	Eastern Small-footed Bat	THREATENED	N/A
N/A	Winter Bat Colony	SPECIAL CONCERN	N/A

Next Steps

Indiana Bats and Northern Long-eared Bats

Indiana and northern long-eared bats are both federally listed species under the jurisdiction of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. As a result, our agency defers comments on potential impacts to Indiana and northern long-eared bats to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

Northern Flying Squirrel

Northern flying squirrels have been documented and habitat exists within the project area specifically between MP 37.6R2 and 32.2R2. As such PennEast has committed to implementing the following measures to avoid, minimize, and mitigate for unavoidable impacts to northern flying squirrels and are outlined in the *PennEast Pipeline Project Northern Flying Squirrel Impact Minimization Plan*, dated November 2018:

- Avoidance Measures:
 - Avoid forest clearing between MP 27.1R2 and MP 37.6R2 by using horizontal directional drill under I-80 and an adjacent forested wetland.
 - Avoid tree removal between MP 27.1R2 and 32.1R2 from April 15th and June 15th, when northern flying squirrel young are expected to be confined to their nests.
- Minimization Measures:
 - Co-locate their pipeline with an existing pipeline right-of-way from approximately MP 27.6R2 to MP 32.2R2 to minimize habitat fragmentation.
 - Utilize existing roads to access the pipeline to the greatest extent possible
 - Reduce total tree clearing necessary to facilitate the project to the greatest extent possible by reducing the minimum width of the construction corridor from 100 to 75 feet within Hickory Run State Park and from 100 feet to 75 feet between MP 30.06R2 and 30.20R2 and between MP 30.35.20R2 and 30.55R2 on SGL #129.
 - Reduce blasting impacts in areas where shallow bedrock necessitates blasting for construction to proceed by:
 - Confining the charge, either through covering with fill or covering with blasting mats.
 - Using the minimum charge weight practical to fracture the rock.
- Mitigation:
 - Replanting and reforestation will occur in wetland and riparian areas, as outlined in the PennEast Pipeline Wetland and Riparian Reforestation Plan.
 - Tree species to be planted will include white pine, balsam fir, eastern hemlock and black spruce which are used by northern flying squirrel.
 - Trees will be planted in temporary workspaces in non-rocky areas at a spacing of 10 feet on the center.
 - Protection and survival measures will include 24" coco mats and spiral tree wraps.
 - Monitoring of the tree plantings will be done by PennEast and they have guaranteed survivorship of 75% at the end of the second growing season.
 - Any plantings on State Game Lands #129 will be coordinated with and approved by the PGC Northeast Region Office.
 - Eleven timber reserve areas (TRAs) have been incorporated into the project design. These TRAs are to reduce the total glide distance required for northern flying squirrels

to cross the open corridor. Two of the eleven TRAs are located on SGL #129 and the other 9 are located on Hickory Run State Park.

- All of the TRAs are located within the 2.2 mile of northern flying squirrel habitat.
- At each TRA, only the 30-foot maintain right-of-way and approximately 5-10 feet of temporary workspace will be cleared for 25 linear feet, leaving a 25-foot by 40-foot area of mature trees abutting the maintained right-of-way.

Little Brown and Tri-colored Bats: Little brown bats were captured during mist net survey in both 2015 and 2017 and one tri-colored bat was captured during mist net surveys in 2015. In addition, one known little brown bat hibernacula (PE-MF-23, Luzerne County) is located in close proximity to the project area. The following measures are to be implemented to avoidance and minimization impacts to both little brown and tri-colored bats:

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- No blasting will occur within ¼ miles of the PE-MF-23 hibernaculum.
- No tree removal will occur within 300 feet of any of the entrances associated with the PE-MF-23 hibernaculum.
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Allegheny Woodrat

The PGC has identified portions with the proposed project where potential Allegheny woodrat habitat may exist and could be impacted by the proposed project. Habitat assessments were conducted, which revealed that habitat suitable for woodrats was present. However, no evidence was documented verifying woodrat presence in these areas. Therefore, no potential impacts to Allegheny woodrats are anticipated from the construction of this project.

Eastern Small-footed Bat

- Mist nest surveys were completed between 2015 and 2018. A total of 11 eastern small-footed bats were captured in the project area, of which three were transmitted and telemetry was conducted. All three bats were documented roosting off the project area.
- Summer roost habitat assessments surveys were conducted between 2015 and 2018. Potential roost habitat was identified, and emergence counts were conducted at all but 5 potential roost habitat areas. Bats were only documented at one of the potential roost habitat areas at which emergence counts were conducted. This location (SA3-ESFB-4) is now 1.4 miles off the route as the route has since been realigned, therefore no impact to this roost location are anticipated.

- In addition, one potential roost is located outside the survey corridor (SEI-WR-2) that may be impacted by blasting, if done along the pipeline corridor. As such, PennEast has determined that blasting will not be required at this location and that manual excavation of rock will be conducted.
- Emergence counts were conducted during the summer of 2019 for five small areas of exposed rock that had been previously identified as potential roost habitat areas (SA1-ESFB-1, SA1-ESFB-2, SA1-ESFB-3, SA1-ESFB-5, and SEI-MYLE-01) located in Luzerne County. At the time of the emergence count surveys, one (SA1-ESFB-2) of the five potential roost habitats was deemed no longer suitable habitat as there were no longer any larger, exposed rock with fissures or interstices. As such, no emergence counts were conducted at this location. At the remaining four potential roost habitat areas (SA1-ESFB-1, SA1-ESFB-3, SA1-ESFB-5, and SEI-MYLE-01), no bats were observed roosting or emerging from any of the rock structures during emergence count surveys. Since eastern small-footed bats are not using these four habitat areas, no avoidance, minimization or mitigation measures are necessary for these four sites.

Potential Bat Hibernacula

Bat hibernacula investigations were conducted throughout the project area and eight portals were identified and bat use documented at each. There are also three additional known bat hibernacula located within approximately ¼ mile of the project. The following avoidance and minimization measures will be implemented at all 11 bat hibernacula (PE-ME-17, PE-ME-18, PE-ME-21, PE-ME-23, PE-ME-24, PE-ME-25, PE-ME-26, PE-ME-27, Tunnel 34, Durham Cave 1, and Durham Cave 2):

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State Game Lands

Portions of the proposed project are located on State Game Lands Nos. 40, 91, 129, and 168. Please contact Mr. Michael Beahm, Northeast Land Management Supervisor, at 570-675-1143 to discuss and coordinate the project on SGL's 40, 91, and 129, and Mr. Kevin Clouser, Southeast Region Land Management Supervisor, at 610-926-3136 to discuss and coordinate the project on SGL 168.

Conservation Measures

National Wetland Inventory Mapping (NWI) and/or aerial photos suggest that wetlands are located within the requested review throughout the proposed project. The PGC is requesting that the final project avoid, or at least minimize to the greatest practical extent, any adverse impacts to these resources and their associated wildlife habitat.

In addition, portions of the project located in Luzerne and Carbon County are within areas where the abundance and species richness of various area-sensitive forest bird species are among the highest in the state. Area-sensitive forest bird species are those species that require a large expanse of relatively contiguous (un-fragmented) forest to maintain their populations. The species found in these areas are listed as species of greatest conservation need in Pennsylvania's Wildlife Action Plan (WAP). The WAP was designed to proactively manage and safeguard the state's declining fish and wildlife resources, and sets a framework to conserve Pennsylvania's diverse wildlife, maintain their role in ecological processes, and protect and enhance species of conservation concern (not just imperiled species). Although these area-sensitive forest bird species are not currently listed as threatened or endangered, and do not produce potential conflicts for projects reviewed using the on-line PNDI Environmental Review Tool, their populations and requisite habitat are either in decline, or are vulnerable to decline in the state.

As a result, the PGC is recommending the following conservation measures be implemented, to the greatest extent practicable, to minimize impacts to these area-sensitive forest bird species and minimize additional fragmentation of forested tracts throughout the project area:

- Co-locate the pipeline and associated facilities with existing roads and other disturbed areas.
- Minimize the width of the temporary construction right-of-way (ROW) and avoid grubbing where possible to encourage the re-establishment of woody vegetation.
- Minimize the width of the permanent, maintained ROW to only that which is absolutely necessary to maintain the integrity of the pipeline.
- Maximize the rotation of mowing and/or clearing along that maintained ROW to allow for the establishment of more beneficial wildlife habitat.
- Perform initial tree clearing for the project between August 15th and April 15th.
- Perform any future mowing and/or clearing along the maintained ROW between August 15th and April 15th.
- Use the following seed mixes, or similar herbaceous seed mixes that will minimize competition with volunteer woody plant species, while offering additional wildlife habitat and food sources along the reclaimed ROW:

Steep Slopes	Other Areas
<i>1 bushel/acre Annual Cereal Grain (oats in spring, grain rye or wheat in fall)</i>	<i>1.5 lbs/acre Big Bluestem</i>
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<i>Straw Mulch, NO HAY</i>	<i>2 lbs/acre Showy Tick Trefoil</i>
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	<i>0.5 lbs/acre New England Aster</i>
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Subject: Re: PennEast Pipeline Project - New Facility Update

Brian,

Thank you for your letter dated January 23, 2020, which describes the addition of a new above-ground facility associated with the Penneast Pipeline. The proposed Church Road Interconnects will be a metering and regulation (M&R) station located in Bethlehem Township, Northampton County, PA. The area where the M&R station is proposed is within the area considered part of the action area in the amended July 29, 2019 Biological Opinion (Opinion). Additionally, there are no wetlands or watercourses in the area, and no trees are proposed to be removed. Therefore, the Service has determined that the project will not result in affects above what was analyzed in the July 2019, Opinion.

Please let me know if you have any questions.
Thank you,

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Hi Pam,

Please find attached a letter (with figure) and electronic shapefile (.shp and .kmz format provided) which addresses the newly proposed Church Road Interconnects facility. If you have any questions about this facility or the PennEast Pipeline Project, please feel free to contact me at your convenience.

Thanks,

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