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Re: Technical Deficiency
    Pennsylvania Pipeline Project (aka Mariner East II)
    Application No. E06-701
    APS No. 879354
    New Morgan Borough, Brecknock, Caernarvon, Cumru, Robeson, South Heidelberg, and Spring
    Townships, Berks County

Dear Mr. Gordon:

The Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) has reviewed the above referenced application
package and has identified the following significant technical deficiencies. The Chapter 105 Dam
Safety and Waterway Management regulations include information that will aid you in responding to
some of the deficiencies listed below. The deficiencies are based on the requirements of Article I,
Section 27 of the Pennsylvania Constitution, applicable laws and regulations, and the guidance that sets
forth DEP’s recommended means of satisfying the applicable requirements.

As you are aware, Department staff in three different regional offices are reviewing sixteen other
Chapter 105 permit applications associated with this project. While the regional offices have
coordinated the review of the applications and the identification of deficiencies, it is possible that
deficiencies raised in the Department’s other deficiency letters may be applicable to this permit,
even though not stated herein. The Department recommends that Sunoco Pipeline, L.P.
evaluates whether any of the deficiencies identified in the other Chapter 105 permit application
deficiency letters, beyond those deficiencies identified in this letter, necessitate revisions in this
permit application.

Technical Deficiencies

Common Technical Deficiencies

1. Comprehensive Environmental Evaluation - The following technical deficiencies are
related to the overall project comprised by the 17 Chapter 105 Water Obstruction and
Encroachment permit applications associated with this pipeline. Please provide the
Department with a Comprehensive Environmental Evaluation of the Entire Pipeline
Project as a Whole (“Comprehensive Environmental Evaluation”) which at a minimum
includes the following:

a. Use the Environmental Assessment Form (3150-PM- BWEW0017, 2/2013) as a
guide and provide a detailed narrative and other appropriate documentation that
comprehensively evaluates the project as a whole under each of the categories therein (Part 1 – Resource Identification; Part 2 – Project Description – including all the analyses listed in the form, as well as in 25 Pa. Code §§ 105.13(e)(1)(vii-x), (2), (3), (g), and (j); and 25 Pa. Code § 105.15.

b. The Comprehensive Environmental Evaluation should also provide a detailed narrative and other appropriate documentation that comprehensively evaluates the project as a whole for compliance with the requirements associated with the Department’s review of the application listed in 25 Pa. Code § 105.14 in its entirety, with particular emphasis on:

i. Antidegradation Analysis - Prepare and submit an analysis and information that addresses consistency with State antidegradation requirements contained in Chapters 93, 95 and 102 (relating to water quality standards; wastewater treatment requirements; and erosion and sediment control) and the Clean Water Act (33 U.S.C.A. § § 1251—1376) for this entire project and other potential or existing projects. 25 Pa. Code § 105.14(b)(11).

ii. Secondary Impact Analysis – Prepare and submit an analysis and information that addresses secondary impacts associated with but not the direct result of the construction or substantial modification of the water obstruction or encroachment in the areas of the entire project and in areas adjacent thereto and future impacts associated with water obstructions or encroachments, the construction of which would result in the need for additional dams, water obstructions or encroachments to fulfill the project purpose. 25 Pa. Code § 105.14(b)(12).

iii. Project Wide Cumulative Impacts Analysis. Prepare and submit an analysis and information that addresses the cumulative impact for this entire project and other potential or existing projects. As part of this analysis please evaluate whether numerous piecemeal changes associated with all the chapter 105 applications related to this pipeline project may result in a major impairment of the wetland resources. The analysis must be undertaken for each alternative prepared for the proposed pipelines and facilities of Mariner East II, on a statewide basis and must be completed for the entire project, as a whole referencing each of the applications for the entire project. 25 Pa. Code §§ 105.14(b)(14); and 105.15.

iv. Comprehensive Evaluation of Compliance with 25 Pa. Code § 105.18a. Prepare and submit an analysis and information that evaluates the project as a whole with all the requirements found in 25 Pa. Code § 105.18a for each wetland or wetland complex in or along the project area as a whole. 25 Pa. Code § 105.18a.
v. Comprehensive Alternatives Analysis, Avoidance and Minimization and Mitigation. The applicant needs to demonstrate, that the alternative/s chosen for the entire project will avoid cumulative impacts to the maximum extent practicable, and where such impacts are not avoidable, describe in detail with appropriate supporting documentation, how such impacts will be minimized and mitigated to the satisfaction of the Department. [25 Pa Code §§ 105.1, 105.13(e)(1)(viii)-(x); 105.14(b); and 105.15-105.20a.]

2. The HDD Inadvertent Return Contingency Plan includes profiles identifying Geotechnical profiles; however, no analysis has been provided on the risk of an inadvertent return occurring. Provide an analysis on the risk of an inadvertent return occurring for all proposed HDD crossings. Include in-depth detail, discussion, and data in the analysis of the risk of a return occurring. [25 Pa. Code §§105.14(b)(7), 105.18a(b)(3), 105.18a(b)(4), 105.18a(b)(5), 105.14(b)(4), 105.14(b)(11)]

   a. Provide information/details on previous HDD activities on the prior Mariner East pipeline project where IRs occurred. At a minimum this should include, a topographic map with locations and latitude/longitude of each occurrence, description of event, amount of discharge, whether the discharge entered waterways and/or wetlands, mitigation/clean-up measures taken, etc.

   b. A stand-alone attachment should be created to address the pre-boring geologic evaluation of the existence and potential to impact local drinking water supplies or aquifers around the boring location. The plan needs to include what measures will be employed to verify that no supplies or aquifer are impacted (i.e. pre and post water quality and quantity analysis). The plan should specify what notifications and remediation measures will be employed if there are impacts.

3. EV wetlands are defined as EV waters by Chapter 93. Therefore, explain the measures the applicant will implement to comply with the antidegradation requirements of the Department’s water quality standards program. [25 Pa Code §93.4(b); §93.4c(b)(2); §93.1 (defn. of surface water of exceptional ecological significance); §105.14(b)(11); §105.18a(a)(4); 24 Pa.B. 922 (February 12, 1994)(Incorporation of the Department’s Existing Wetlands Protection Program into Water Quality Standards Program)].

4. The application states that the second pipeline will be 16 inches in diameter, while other applications related to this project state that the second pipeline could be up to 20 inches in diameter. Which is correct? [25 Pa. Code §105.13(e)(1)(iii)(A)]

5. List the types and amounts of emissions to satisfy question 13.0.1 of the General Information Form. [1300-PM-BIT0001 S2012 Instructions]
6. The Application and GIF have different titles for M.L. Gordon. An application shall be
signed by the owners of the dam or reservoir, water obstruction or encroachment, or the
persons exercising primary responsibility for the dam or reservoir, water obstruction or
encroachment. In the case of a partnership, one or more members of the partnership
authorized to sign on behalf of the entire partnership shall sign the application. In the case
of a corporation, it shall be signed by the president, vice president or other responsible
official empowered to sign for the corporation. Provide consistent titles for Mr. Gordon
and demonstrate that he is authorized to sign the Application. [25 Pa. Code §§105.13(i)
and 25 Pa. Code §§106.12(f)]

7. Provide a PNDI search clearance letter from the Pennsylvania Game Commission for
threatened and endangered species under their jurisdiction. [25 Pa. Code §§105.15(a),
105.14(b)(4), 105.16(c)(3)]

8. Provide clearance or approval from the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum
Commission (PHMC) for cultural, archeological, and historic resources for the proposed
water obstructions and encroachments and areas necessary to construct the water
105.14(b)(4)]

9. The project description provided in the Cultural Resource Notice states that the second
pipeline is to be installed within 5 years of the first pipeline. The project description
provided in the application does not discuss this timeframe. Regarding this item: Revise
the application to discuss if the pipelines will be installed at the same time, or on different
105.15(a), 105.14(b)(4), 105.18a, 105.21(a)(1), 105.13(e)(1)(ix)]

   a. If the pipelines are proposed to be installed at separate times, revise the application to
clearly indicate this, and to identify the permanent and temporary impacts from the
second pipeline installation. Please be advised that if issued the permit may expire
before construction is completed on any second line.

   b. If the pipelines are proposed to be installed at separate times, revise your alternatives
analysis to evaluate the feasibility of installing the two pipelines concurrently with
one another to avoid and minimize impacts.

   c. You may need to revise you fee calculation spreadsheets to account for the additional,
temporary disturbance resulting from a second, separate installation.
d. Your Erosion and Sedimentation Control Permit Application (ESG 05 000 15 001) should also reflect the two construction sequences if two separate construction periods are proposed.

10. Provide a detail that shows how flumes or other in-stream supports are used for temporary stream crossings as mentioned in the Temporary Stream Crossing detail and identify where each method will be used. [25 Pa. Code §§105.13(g)]

11. Provide site plans that depict proposed work for each ATWS within a floodway or floodplain. These plans should include at a minimum the duration of proposed activities, the expected layout, E&S controls, and size or quantity of materials or structures proposed. [25 Pa. Code §§105.13(e)(1)(i)(C)]

12. A number of drawings in the package, for example the auger bore drawings, state that the plans are for permitting purposes only. The plans, specifications and reports in the application are part of a permit once a permit is issued and must be followed. Remove this language from the plans and provide final plans. [25 Pa. Code §§105.13(e), 105.44(a)]

13. The auger bore drawings reference cathodic protection being installed. Provide plans and/or details for any proposed cathodic protection and identify on the plans where and which type of cathodic protection is proposed to be installed. [25 Pa. Code §§105.3(4), 105.11(a), 105.13(e)(1)(i)(C)]

14. Where cathodic protection is proposed to be installed in wetlands or other areas where vegetation is proposed to be undisturbed or replanted, identify how this cathodic protection will be maintained and replaced without vegetative disturbance. [25 Pa. Code §§105.15(a), 105.13(e)(1)(ix), 105.18a]

15. For all Bore and HDD locations, identify where all pipe pull back, or assembly, or other areas where the pipe will be laid out, and where all construction and staging areas are located. Identify any temporary crossings or impacts for these areas to streams, wetlands, and floodways. Revise the application accordingly to include these impacts, including site-specific plans depicting the impacts and proposed temporary matting. [25 Pa. Code §§105.13(e)(1)(i), 105.13(e)(1)(iii)]

16. The site plan sheets and E&S plan sheets identify the floodway which appears to be measured from the centerline of the stream as opposed to measuring from the top of bank for the 50-feet assumed floodway boundary. Provide floodway boundaries on all plan drawings that adhere to the definitions in Chapter 105 by providing the FEMA mapped floodway boundary, in areas absent a FEMA mapped floodway, the floodway boundary measured 50 feet landward from the top of bank, or in areas absent a FEMA mapped...
floodway a floodway boundary with evidence provided that the assumed 50 feet floodway is not accurate. [25 Pa. Code §§105.13(e)(1)(i)(A), 105.1]

17. The Typical Wetland Crossing detail on the E&S plans indicates soil will be stockpiled in the wetland along the trench. Revise the detail to include a means of separating the stockpiled soil from the wetlands, such as geo-fabric and matting, to ensure that stockpiled soil will be completely removed and impacts will be minimized. [25 Pa. Code §§105.423, 105.18a(a), 105.18a(b), 105.15(a), 105.14(b)(4), 105.14(b)(11), 105.14(b)(13)]

18. The typical wetland crossing details shown on the E&S plans indicates trench breakers are to be installed in the trench in the wetlands; however it is not clear what trench breakers are or whether trench plugs are intended. Revise this detail to identify whether Trench Plugs are intended by this term or provide a detail for trench breakers. In addition, if trench plugs are proposed to maintain wetland hydrology, revise the detail to include trench plugs within the wetland for long wetland crossings and specify the distance increments. Furthermore, the E&S plan drawings depict trench plugs which are inconsistent with the detail. Revise the site plans to be consistent with the detail. [25 Pa. Code §105.18a(a)(1) & §105.18a(a)(3) & §105.18a(a)(4) & §105.18a(a)(5) & §105.18a(b)(2) & §105.18a(b)(3) & §105.18a(b)(4) & §105.18a(b)(5) & §105.15(a)(1) & §105.14(b)(4) & §105.14(b)(11) & §105.14(b)(13) & §105.13(e)(1)(ii)]

19. Installation of the trench plugs as depicted in the Trench Plug Detail is likely to result in adverse impacts to the hydrology of waters of the Commonwealth. Provide a revised detail showing the trench plug continuing to the bottom of the trench instead of ending at the top of the bedding material. [25 Pa. Code §§105.18a, 105.15(a)]

20. The Typical Wetland Crossing detail on the E&S plans states that the detail does not apply to active cultivated or rotated cropland. Revise the detail to apply to all wetland crossings or provide a separate detail for wetland crossings in active cropland. [25 Pa. Code §§105.18a, 105.15(a)]

21. Provide a description of the expected duration each temporary stream crossing will remain in place. If the temporary stream crossing will be in place for greater than one year, then a risk analysis will be necessary. [25 Pa. Code §§105.13(1)(iii)(A), 105.14(b)(1), 105.14(b)(3)]

22. Identify the proposed provisions for shut-off in the event of break or rupture for each crossing. Provide locations and description of how this action will be completed in the event a break or rupture occurs. [25 Pa. Code § 105.301(9)]

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23. Provide county specific information within the project description. [25 Pa. Code §§105.13(e)(1)(iii)]


26. Provide the letters of approval from PA American Water, Womelsdorf Robesonia Joint Authority, and Elverson Water Company and update Question 16.0.2 of the GIF. [1300-PM-BIT0001 5/2012 Instructions]

27. The following comments pertain the USFWS' Bog Turtle determination of not likely to adversely affect:


   b. Provide copies of any additional information submitted to the USFWS for determination of affect. [25 Pa. Code §§105.14(b)(4), 105.18a(a)(1), 105.18a(a)(5)]

   c. The February 29, 2019 Bog Turtle Conservation Plan states that Zone 2 will be mowed; however, the June 24, 2016 USFWS letter states that this area is to be hand cleared. Clarify the discrepancy. [25 Pa. Code §§105.14(b)(4), 105.18a(a)(1), 105.18a(a)(5)]

   d. Identify the location of Zone 2 on the plan drawings. [25 Pa. Code §§105.14(b)(4), 105.18a(a)(1), 105.18a(a)(5)]

   e. Revise the plans to clearly identify the specific avoidance measures in the June 24, 2016 USFWS letter and indicate that they will be followed. [25 Pa. Code §§105.14(b)(4), 105.18a(a)(1), 105.18a(a)(5)]
28. It appears that a water obstruction and encroachment permit may be required for the proposed water withdrawals and discharges. [25 Pa. Code §§105.3(a)(4), 105.11(a), 
105.13(e)(1)(i), 105.13(e)(1)(iii), 105.13(e)(1)(x), 105.14(b)(4), 105.14(b)(6), 105.301(1), 
105.301(7), 105.301(5), 105.301(3), 105.151(1), 105.151(3), 105.161(a)(3), 105.161(4)]

a. Provide plans and cross sections indicating pipe size, placement, and locations for all wetlands, streams, floodways and floodplains where the proposed water withdrawal and discharge piping is to be installed.

b. Revise the impact tables to include these impacts.

c. Provide a description and plans of how the water will be discharged or withdrawn, the discharge capacity, the withdraw rate, the methods to be utilized, what equipment and structures are proposed to be placed and utilized in waters of the Commonwealth, the length of time which obstructions will remain in place.

d. Provide cross sections, profiles, and hydraulic analysis for all piping placed in existing stream culverts and along and within stream channels.

e. Revise the Environmental Assessment to discuss the impact of the water obstructions and water withdraws from the obstructions on the resources. Where approval is being obtained from the Susquehanna River Basin Commission (SRBC), provide approval from the SRBC for the water withdraws if available.

f. Provide documentation of submission of proposed water obstructions and encroachments for these activities to each jurisdictional (PHMC, USFWS, PAFBC, PGC, DCNR) agency and provide clearance from these agencies.

General Plan and Impact Table

29. Provide a registered professional engineer’s seal and signed certification, in accordance with §106.12(g), which shall read as follows:

“I (name) do hereby certify to the best of my knowledge, information and belief, that the information contained in the accompanying plans, specifications, and reports has been prepared in accordance with accepted professional practice, is true and correct, and is in conformance with Chapter 106 of the rules and regulations of the Department of Environmental Protection.”
If the seal/certification is submitted on a separate piece of paper, please have it refer specifically to the project name and application number shown above. Also, the seal shall be affixed on the cover page of the plan sheets. [25 Pa. Code §§106.12(g)]

30. Provide site specific cross sections for the streams and wetlands which depict the existing and proposed conditions of the streams and wetlands, proposed pipes and depths, and the existing stream bed and banks’ dimensions. [25 Pa. Code §§105.301(4), 105.301(5), 105.13(e)(1)(i)(G)]

31. There are certain portions of streams where the pipeline is located less than the minimum 25 feet away from the stream bank. These portions are near hard meanders thereby increasing the potential for exposure during stream migration. Identify and provide adequate erosion protection at these locations, or move the proposed pipes 25 feet away from the stream bank. Natural vegetative stabilization or natural stream design structures should be considered first to avoid and minimize impacts. [25 Pa. Code §§105.314]

32. The following items pertain to the provided stream data sheets and Table 3 of Section 11.

a. Table 3 of Tab 11 indicates that the bank to bank width of stream S-A74 is 3 feet, but the stream data sheet and page 3-24 of the Results Section of the Aquatic Resource Report indicate the bank width is 2.5 feet. Clarify this discrepancy. [25 Pa. Code §§105.13(e)(1)(i)(A)]

b. Table 3 of Tab 11 indicates that the bank to bank width of stream S-B21 is 5 feet, but the stream data sheet and page 3-24 of the Results Section of the Aquatic Resource Report indicate the bank width is 4.5 feet. Clarify this discrepancy. [25 Pa. Code §§105.13(e)(1)(i)(A)]

c. Table 3 of Tab 11 indicates that the bank to bank width of stream S-B24 is 3 feet, but the stream data sheet and page 3-25 of the Results Section of the Aquatic Resource Report indicate the bank width is 2.5 feet. Clarify this discrepancy. [25 Pa. Code §§105.13(e)(1)(i)(A)]

d. Table 3 of Tab 11 indicates that the bank to bank width of stream S-C29 is 12 feet, but the stream data sheet and page 3-26 of the Results Section of the Aquatic Resource Report indicate the bank width is 12 inches. Clarify this discrepancy. [25 Pa. Code §§105.13(e)(1)(i)(A)]

e. Table 3 of Tab 11 indicates that the bank to bank width of stream S-K76 is 7 feet, but there are two different stream data sheets for S-K76 one of which indicates the bank
width is 10 feet. These data sheets contain very different information. Clarify these discrepancies. [25 Pa. Code §§105.13(e)(1)(i)(A)]

f. Table 3 of Tab 11 indicates that the bank to bank width of stream S-BB34 is 15 feet, but the stream data sheet indicates the bank width is 6-15 feet and page 3-28 of the Results Section of the Aquatic Resource Report indicates that the bank width is 10.5 feet. What is the width of the stream at the proposed crossing? Clarify this discrepancy. [25 Pa. Code §§105.13(e)(1)(i)(A)]

g. A stream data sheet was provided for Stream S-C12, and page 3-29 of the Results Section of the Aquatic Resource Report identifies the stream as being part of the study area; however, corresponding information could not be found in Tab 7A or Table 3 of Tab 11. Provide the missing information. [25 Pa. Code §§105.13(e)(1)(i)(A), 105.21(a)(1)]

h. Table 3 of Tab 11 indicates that the bank to bank width of stream S-C9 is 2 feet, but the stream data sheet and page 3-29 of the Results Section of the Aquatic Resource Report indicate the bank width is 18 inches. Clarify this discrepancy. [25 Pa. Code §§105.13(e)(1)(i)(A)]

i. Table 3 of Tab 11 indicates that the bank to bank width of stream S-C1 is 3 feet, but the stream data sheet and page 3-29 of the Results Section of the Aquatic Resource Report indicate the bank width is 30 inches. Clarify this discrepancy. [25 Pa. Code §§105.13(e)(1)(i)(A)]

j. Table 3 of Tab 11 indicates that the bank to bank width of stream S-C2 is 5 feet, but the stream data sheet and page 3-29 of the Results Section of the Aquatic Resource Report indicate the bank width is 4.5 feet. Clarify this discrepancy. [25 Pa. Code §§105.13(e)(1)(i)(A)]

k. A stream data sheet was provided for Stream S-B26, and page 3-31 of the Results Section of the Aquatic Resource Report identifies the stream as being part of the study area; however, corresponding information could not be found in Tab 7A or Table 3 of Tab 11. Provide the missing information. [25 Pa. Code §§105.13(e)(1)(i)(A), 105.21(a)(1)]

l. Table 3 of Tab 11 indicates that the bank to bank width of stream S-A63 is 3 feet, but the stream data sheet and page 3-35 of the Results Section of the Aquatic Resource Report indicate the bank width is 2.5 feet. Clarify this discrepancy. [25 Pa. Code §§105.13(e)(1)(i)(A)]
m. Table 3 of Tab 11 indicates that the bank to bank width of stream S-A61 is 2 feet, but the stream data sheet and page 3-36 of the Results Section of the Aquatic Resource Report indicate the bank width is 3 feet. Clarify this discrepancy. [25 Pa. Code §§105.13(e)(1)(i)(A)]

n. A stream data sheet was provided for Stream S-J50, and page 3-36 of the Results Section of the Aquatic Resource Report identifies the stream as being part of the study area; however, corresponding information could not be found in Tab 7A or Table 3 of Tab 11. Provide the missing information. [25 Pa. Code §§105.13(e)(1)(i)(A), 105.21(a)(1)]

o. Stream data sheets could not be found for S-K77 and S-A64. Provide the missing information. [25 Pa. Code §§105.21(a)(1)]

33. Revise the application plans to include all avoidance and minimization measures for identified species of concern associated with water obstructions and encroachments from the Pennsylvania Game Commission, Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission, Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. Ensure any seed mixtures, matting, or other specified items are included in the plans and/or E&S plans. In addition, revise the Environmental Assessment to discuss the avoidance and minimization measures and clearances received. [25 Pa. Code §§105.15(a), 105.14(b)(4), 105.16(c)(3)]

34. Revise the plan drawings to include, or refer to details or notes which include the avoidance and minimization measures for wetland AM2 and C6 as outlined in the USFWS’ June 24, 2016 letter. [25 Pa. Code §§105.21(a)(1), 105.15(a), 105.14(b)(4), 105.14(b)(6), 105.16(c)(3)]

35. The following comments pertain to the plans provided to the townships in Berks County.

a. The HDD lengths shown on sheets 26 and 27 of Tab 7A are different than those shown on Sheets 304 and 305 of 321 provided to Brecknock Township. Provided consistent and up-to-date plans to the Department and Brecknock Township. [25 Pa. Code §§105.21(a)(1), 105.13(e)(1)(v), 105.13(e)(1)(vi)]

b. The proposed block valve shown on sheet 306 of 321 provided to Brecknock Township is not identified or depicted the same on Sheet 28 of Tab 7A. Provide consistent and up-to-date plans to the Department and Brecknock Township. [25 Pa. Code §§105.21(a)(1), 105.13(e)(1)(v), 105.13(e)(1)(vi)]
c. The bore lengths shown on Sheet 39 of Tab 7A are different than those shown on Sheet 317 of 321 provided to Caernarvon Township. Provide consistent and up-to-date plans to the Department and Caernarvon Township. [25 Pa. Code §§105.21(a)(1), 105.13(e)(1)(v), 105.13(e)(1)(vi)]

d. The HDD lengths shown on Sheets 40 and 41 of Tab 7A are different than those shown on Sheets 318 and 319 of 321 provided to Caernarvon Township. Provide consistent and up-to-date plans to the Department and Caernarvon Township. [25 Pa. Code §§105.21(a)(1), 105.13(e)(1)(v), 105.13(e)(1)(vi)]

e. There is a proposed boring location on Sheet 42 of Tab 7A that is not on Sheet 320 of 321 provided to Caernarvon Township. Provide consistent and up-to-date plans to the Department and Caernarvon Township. [25 Pa. Code §§105.21(a)(1), 105.13(e)(1)(v), 105.13(e)(1)(vi)]

f. The HDD lengths shown on Sheets 15 and 16 of Tab 7A are different than those shown on Sheets 293 and 294 of 321 provided to Cumru Township. Provide consistent and up-to-date plans to the Department and Cumru Township. [25 Pa. Code §§105.21(a)(1), 105.13(e)(1)(v), 105.13(e)(1)(vi)]

g. The proposed pipeline route on Sheet 20 of Tab 7A is different than the one shown on Sheet 298 of 321 provided to Cumru Township. Provide consistent and up-to-date plans to the Department and Cumru Township. [25 Pa. Code §§105.21(a)(1), 105.13(e)(1)(v), 105.13(e)(1)(vi)]

h. The bore crossings shown on Sheet 35 of Tab 7A are different than those shown on Sheet 313 of 321 provided to New Morgan Borough. Provide consistent and up-to-date plans to the Department and New Morgan Borough. [25 Pa. Code §§105.21(a)(1), 105.13(e)(1)(v), 105.13(e)(1)(vi)]

i. There is a proposed boring location on Sheet 37 of Tab 7A that is not shown on Sheet 315 of 321 provided to New Morgan Borough. Provide consistent and up-to-date plans to the Department and New Morgan Borough. [25 Pa. Code §§105.21(a)(1), 105.13(e)(1)(v), 105.13(e)(1)(vi)]

j. The bore lengths shown on Sheet 30 of Tab 7A are different than those shown on Sheet 309 of 321 provided to Robeson Township. Provide consistent and up-to-date plans to the Department and Robeson Township. [25 Pa. Code §§105.21(a)(1), 105.13(e)(1)(v), 105.13(e)(1)(vi)]
k. The bore lengths shown on Sheet 31 of Tab 7A are different than those shown on Sheet 309 of 321 provided to Robeson Township. Provide consistent and up-to-date plans to the Department and Robeson Township. [25 Pa. Code §§105.21(a)(1), 105.13(e)(1)(v), 105.13(e)(1)(vi)]

l. The bore lengths shown on Sheet 4 of Tab 7A are different than those shown on Sheet 282 of 321 provided to South Heidelberg Township. Provide consistent and up-to-date plans to the Department and South Heidelberg Township. [25 Pa. Code §§105.21(a)(1), 105.13(e)(1)(v), 105.13(e)(1)(vi)]

m. The HDD lengths shown on Sheet 6 of Tab 7A are different than those shown on Sheet 284 of 321 provided to South Heidelberg Township. Provide consistent and up-to-date plans to the Department and South Heidelberg Township. [25 Pa. Code §§105.21(a)(1), 105.13(e)(1)(v), 105.13(e)(1)(vi)]

n. There is a proposed boring location shown on Sheet 6 of Tab 7A that is not shown on Sheet 284 of 321 provided to South Heidelberg Township. Provide consistent and up-to-date plans to the Department and South Heidelberg Township. [25 Pa. Code §§105.21(a)(1), 105.13(e)(1)(v), 105.13(e)(1)(vi)]

o. There is ATWS on Sheet 6 of Tab 7A that is larger than the one shown on Sheet 284 of 321 provided to South Heidelberg Township. Furthermore, there are two additional ATWS shown on Sheet 6 that are not shown on Sheet 284. Provide consistent and up-to-date plans to the Department and South Heidelberg Township. [25 Pa. Code §§105.21(a)(1), 105.13(e)(1)(v), 105.13(e)(1)(vi)]

p. The floodplain for Stream S-B50 is shown on Sheet 285 of 321, but not on Sheet 7 of Tab 7A. The bore lengths depicted on Sheet 7 are different lengths than those shown on Sheet 285. Furthermore, there are additional ATWS shown on Sheet 7 that are not on Sheet 285. Provide consistent and up-to-date plans to the Department and South Heidelberg Township. [25 Pa. Code §§105.21(a)(1), 105.13(e)(1)(v), 105.13(e)(1)(vi)]

q. The proposed block valve shown on Sheet 8 of Tab 7A is considerably larger than the one shown on Sheet 286 provided to Spring Township. There are also boring locations shown on Sheet 8 that are not identified on Sheet 286. Provide consistent and up-to-date plans to the Department and Spring Township. [25 Pa. Code §§105.21(a)(1), 105.13(e)(1)(v), 105.13(e)(1)(vi)]

r. There is a proposed boring location on Sheet 10 of Tab 7A that is not shown on Sheet 287 of 321 provided to Spring Township. Provide consistent and up-to-date plans to
the Department and Spring Township. [25 Pa. Code §§105.21(a)(1), 105.13(e)(1)(v), 105.13(e)(1)(vi)]

s. The bore lengths shown on Sheet 11 of Tab 7A are different than those shown on Sheet 289 of 321 provided to Spring Township. Provide consistent and up-to-date plans to the Department and Spring Township. [25 Pa. Code §§105.21(a)(1), 105.13(e)(1)(v), 105.13(e)(1)(vi)]

36. ATWS on Sheet 1 of Tab 7A in the floodplain and floodway of Stream S-B16 is designated for spoil; however, a plan depicting the location of the spoil in conjunction with E&S controls could not be found. Provide plans that demonstrate proper measures to minimize the potential for discharge of fill material to the stream. [25 Pa. Code §§105.13(g)]

37. ATWS on Sheet 31 of Tab 7A in the floodway of Stream S-H21 is designated for spoil; however, a plan depicting the location of the spoil in conjunction with E&S controls could not be found. Provide plans that demonstrate proper measures to minimize the potential for discharge of fill material to the stream. [25 Pa. Code §§105.13(g)]

38. ATWS on Sheet 17 of Tab 7A in the floodway of Stream S-B31 are designated for spoil; however, a plan depicting the location of the spoil in conjunction with E&S controls could not be found. Provide plans that demonstrate proper measures to minimize the potential for discharge of fill material to the stream. [25 Pa. Code §§105.13(g)]

39. ATWS on Sheet 35 of Tab 7A in the floodway of Streams S-Q90 and S-Q89 are designated for spoil; however, a plan depicting the location of the spoil in conjunction with E&S controls could not be found. Provide plans that demonstrate proper measures to minimize the potential for discharge of fill material to the stream. [25 Pa. Code §§105.13(g)]

40. The site specific drawings reference “Stream Restoration” but no detail or plan for this stream restoration has been provided. Provide a plan for the stream restoration referenced in the site specific drawings. In addition, clarify if this will be utilized at additional stream crossings or not and identify the crossings where it will be utilized. [25 Pa. Code §§105.13(e)(1)(i)(G), 105.13(e)(1)(i)(C), 105.311(2), 105.15(a)]

41. The Impact Plan drawings and Table 3 of Tab 11 identify the corresponding E&S plan sheets incorrectly. Revise the plan drawings and table to be accurate. [25 Pa. Code §§105.21(a)(1)]
42. The E&S plan drawings do not depict the proposed temporary timber mats crossing the wetlands; they only depict them up to the wetland boundary. Revise the plan drawings to depict the temporary matting crossing the wetland. [25 Pa. Code §§105.13(e)(1)(i), 105.21(a)(1)]

43. The plans indicate that Streams S-K77, S-A73, S-B23, S-BB43, S-C1, S-C2, S-B27, S-C103, S-C108, S-H23, S-H22, S-H13, S-H15, and S-Q89 flow in and along and under the ROW and proposed pipelines and not across and immediately through them or start/end in the area of excavation for the pipes. Provide site-specific plans, cross sections, and profiles that adequately depict the existing and proposed conditions, stream bed, stream banks, limits of excavation, and methods for the stream restorations. [25 Pa. Code §§105.13(e)(1)(i)(C), 05.13(e)(1)(i)(G)]

44. There are plan sheets in Tab 7A with streams that do not show enough information beyond the temporary right-of-way (i.e. Floodway delineation, stream orientation, and hydrologic connections) to properly evaluate the proposed impacts. Provide a better depiction of the streams outside of the proposed temporary rights of way. [25 Pa. Code §§105.13(e)(1)(i)(A)]

45. The Auger Bore Drawing, PA-BR-0060.0000-RD, depicts the auger bore pits in different locations than the E&S plan drawing ES-1.21. In addition, the Auger Bore plan depicts temporary workspace in stream S-C33 and wetland C13 which are not depicted on the E&S plan or site plan drawings. Revise the application to contain consistent and accurate plans. [25 Pa. Code §105.13(e)(1)(i)(C), 105.21(a)(1)]

46. Wetland BB42 is not identified on the impact table or site plans to be impacted; however, E&S plan drawing ES-1.74 depicts proposed impacts to this wetland. Revise this E&S drawing to be accurate and consistent with the remainder of the application. [25 Pa. Code §§105.13(e)(1)(i), 105.15(a), 105.21(a)(1)]

47. Provide a site specific plan drawing and cross section drawing for stream S-B31 which depicts at a minimum: the stream banks, bore pit locations, travel lanes, proposed pipelines, depth of the proposed pipelines beneath the stream, and stream bed. In addition, E&S plan drawing ES-1.30 depicts the proposed bore pit within the stream which is inconsistent with the site plan drawings. Revise the E&S plan to be consistent with the site plan drawing. [25 Pa. Code §§105.13(e)(1)(i), 105.301]

48. The plan site plan drawing indicates that stream S-BB34 will utilize an existing bridge. However, the E&S plan drawing ES-1.33 depicts placing timber matting over the bridge.
If a temporary structure is proposed over the existing bridge, provide site specific plans and a cross section depicting the proposed temporary structure. If only the existing bridge is proposed to be utilized, revise the E&S plan drawing accordingly, and revise the impact table to accurately depict that no temporary impacts are proposed to the stream. [25 Pa. Code §§105.13(e)(1)(i), 105.15(1), 105.21(a)(1)]

49. The impact table identifies that stream S-B33 will have a temporary impact in addition to the permanent impact depicted as the proposed permanent ROW. However, no temporary impact is depicted on the plan drawings. Revise the application to clarify where the temporary impact is proposed and provide plan drawings for it, or revise the impact table to remove the proposed temporary impact if it is not proposed. [25 Pa. Code §§105.13(e)(1)(i), 105.21(a)(1), 105.15(a)]

50. The Auger Bore Plan drawing, PPP-PA-BR-0127.0000-RD, does not depict the wetland boundaries or stream banks and E&S plan drawing ES-1.42 does not depict the stream banks. It appears that the receiving pit for the auger bore is located within wetland B32 and stream S-B30. Revise the Auger Bore and E&S plan drawings to provide site specific plans of the proposed impacts and depict the stream banks and wetlands and the location of the stream banks and bed on the profile. [25 Pa. Code §§105.13(e)(1)(i), 105.301, 105.21(a)(1)]

51. Stream S-B30 appears to start within or adjacent to the proposed receiving pit for the auger bore. Revise the application to discuss and provide plans outlining how source(s) of the stream will be protected and maintained. Revise the Environmental Assessment and Mitigation Plan to discuss the impacts to the stream both within the ROW and the downstream affects to the resources and properties and provide compensatory mitigation for streams in which flow will be adversely affected. [25 Pa. Code §§105.15(a), 105.14(b)(4), §105.13(e)(1)(ix)]

52. The Auger Bore drawing PPP-BR-0132.0000-RD depicts the auger bore pit West of wetland B31. However, the E&S plan drawing ES-1.44 and the site specific plan drawing B29-B31-C-101 depict it located within wetland B31. Revise the E&S plan drawing to accurately depict the auger bore pit West of this wetland and be consistent with the impact table and other plan drawings. [25 Pa. Code §§105.13(e)(1)(i), 105.21(a)(1)]

53. The site specific drawing B29-B31-C-101 does not depict the temporary matting across wetland B31 as identified on the other plans and impact table. Revise this plan drawing to depict this temporary crossing. [25 Pa. Code §§105.13(e)(1)(i), 105.21(a)(1)]

54. The waterbody identified as Pond-B3 is an online pond with an UNT to Allegheny Creek flowing through it. Revise the application to identify that it is also an UNT to Allegheny
55. Based on the contours, it appears that stream S-C103/S-C104 continues to flow outside of the area delineated and an additional stream may also be present, both adjacent to or within the proposed Beckersville pump station area. The Aquatic Resource Report or its supplements do not identify that the Beckersville Pump Station area has been investigated for waters of the Commonwealth and provide an aquatic resource report for the area, and identify any streams, floodways, wetlands, or bodies of water on the plan drawings. Revise the application to include any proposed impacts. [25 Pa. Code §§105.13(e)(1)(i)(A), 105.21(a)(1)]

56. The Auger Bore plan drawing PPP-PA-BR-0156.0000-RD depicts temporary ROW and workspaces within streams S-C108 and S-C107 which are not depicted on the other plan drawings or the impact table. Revise this Auger Bore plan drawing to accurately depict the proposed temporary ROW and workspaces. [25 Pa. Code §§105.13(e)(1)(i), 105.21(a)(1)]

57. The E&S plan drawing ES-1.51 depicts the proposed auger bore pit within stream S-C107; however, the impact table and other plan drawings depict this pit East of this stream. Revise the E&S plan to accurately identify the location of the auger bore pit East of the stream to avoid and minimize impacts. [25 Pa. Code §§105.13(e)(1)(i), 105.21(a)(1)]


59. The auger bore drawing PPP-PA-BR-0165.0000-AR depicts temporary ROW and workspaces in wetland Q80 and stream S-Q89 which are not depicted on the other plan drawings or impact tables. Revise this auger bore drawing to be consistent with the rest of the application. [25 Pa. Code §§105.13(e)(1)(i), 105.21(a)(1)]

60. The temporary impact acres in the impact table for wetland W35 is not consistent with the area depicted on the site plan drawings. Revise the application to be consistent and accurate in the proposed temporary impacts to this wetland. [25 Pa. Code §105.15(a), 105.21(a)(1)]

61. Provide profiles for the temporary crossings identified in the E&S plan that depict at a minimum the existing conditions and the proposed conditions. And provide information regarding the length of time that all temporary crossings will be in place. Some of the plans appear to use unnatural stream contours upon restoration. Identify the aggregate
and the typical timber mat crossing being used. [25 Pa. Code §§105.13(e)(1)(i)(B), 105.13(e)(1)(i)(C)]

62. Revise plan sheets 7 and 40 to identify the FEMA floodplain boundaries for streams S-B50 and S-A57 respectively. [25 Pa. Code §§105.13(e)(1)(i)(A)]

63. The following streams start and/or end within the aquatic resource survey area and/or proposed ROW and the plan maps, photographs or narrative do not give justification, or appear to depict why they start/end: S-C2, S-C101, S-C102, and S-H21. Revise the application to explain their start/end points, at a minimum, within the entire survey area, and ensure that the floodways and proposed floodway impacts are fully identified and depicted. Provide color photographs which depict the resource and surrounding area sufficiently, including photographs of start/end locations. [25 Pa. Code §§105.13(e)(1)(i)(A), 105.13(e)(1)(iv)]

64. Streams S-C101 and S-C102 are identified as UNTs to Allegheny Creek; however, they are UNTs to Sleepy Hollow Run. Revise the application to identify the streams correctly. [25 Pa Code §§105.13(e)(1)(i)(A), 105.21(a)(1)]

65. The site plan drawings contain a note that Hay Creek and tributaries thereto have an Existing Use Classification of HQ-CWF. However, this existing use designation is for a reach downstream. Revise the application plans to remove this note. [25 Pa. Code §§105.15(a), 105.21(c)(1)]

66. The Mitigation Plan states that the excavated stream banks will be reseeded; however the E&S detail for bank restoration does not indicate this. Revise the Bank Restoration Detail to be consistent and include the native seeding mixture to be utilized. [25 Pa. Code §§105.13(e)(1)(ix), 105.14(b)(4), 105.21(a)(1)]

67. The E&S plan details for temporary stream crossings and plan drawings state timber mats or temporary equipment bridge may be utilized but only depicts a timber mat bridge. Provide details for the proposed temporary equipment bridge(s) which depict the size, shape, and span of the structure. Provide separate details depicting the timber mat and other bridge structure crossing’s cross sections. In addition, revise the E&S plan and/or other plan drawings to identify the method of each temporary stream crossing proposed at each location. [25 Pa. Code §§105.13(e)(1)(C), 105.13(e)(1)(i)(G), 105.13(e)(1)(iii)(A), 105.151(I), 105.21(a)(1)]

68. Temporary road stream crossing details utilizing culverts are provided on E&S plans ES-0.10 and ES-0.12; however, the E&S plans and impact plans do not identify that any of these crossings are to be used. Revise the E&S plans to remove these proposed crossing
methods if not proposed to be utilized, or identify where the proposed crossing methods
will be utilized. [25 Pa. Code §§105.13(e)(l)(i)(C), 105.151(l), 105.21(a)(l),
105.13(e)(l)(iii)(A)]

69. Revise the stream Bank Restoration Detail to clearly indicate that the existing bank slope
and grade and elevation are to be restored, to identify a biodegradable erosion control
blanket to be utilized, and to specify the native plantings to be used. In addition, some
stream banks are likely to be a-typical, like vertical banks, or very low banks, or eroding
banks. Provide plans and details for how banks of a-typical conditions will be restored.
105.15(a)(l), 105.14(b)(4), 105.16(d)]

70. Provide plans or a detail for the restoration of stream beds at open cut stream crossings.
This should include replacement of native stream bed material and assurance that no
significant changes in bed grade occur. [25 Pa. Code §§105.13(e)(l)(i)(G),
105.13(e)(l)(ix), 105.1, 105.13(e)(l)(x), 105.15(a)(l), 105.14(b)(4), 105.16(d)]

71. Multiple streams which begin within the proposed ROW or immediately adjacent to it are
proposed to be crossed by the proposed pipelines. Revise the application to discuss and
provide plans outlining how source(s) of the streams will be protected and maintained.
Revise the Environmental Assessment and Mitigation Plan to discuss the impacts to the
streams both within the ROW and the downstream affects to the resources and properties.
Provide compensatory mitigation for streams in which flow will be adversely affected.
Provide this information for the following streams, at a minimum: S-A73, S-B23, S-B48,
105.15(a)(l), 105.16(d)]

72. The Mitigation Plan states that for HDD crossings, a telemetry guidance system will be
used.

a. Revise the application to identify what type of telemetry guidance system will be
utilized; specifically if it will utilize cables, wires, or other obstructions placed or
105.13(e)(l)(i), 105.301(7)]

b. If cables, wires, or other obstructions will be utilized across waters of the
Commonwealth revise the application to identify these temporary impacts, include
them in the impact tables. Provide plan drawings and cross sections depicting the
obstructions, and provide information on the purpose, function, and length of time they will be installed. [25 Pa. Code §§105.13(e)(1)(i), 105.301(3), 105.301(5), 105.15(a), 105.13(e)(1)(iii)]

c. If cables or other obstructions are proposed over streams, an Aids-To-Navigation (ATON) Plan may be required by the PA Fish and Boat Commission; therefore, if cables or other obstructions are proposed, provide approved ATON plans along with approvals and/or documentation from the PA Fish and Boat Commission documenting where ATON plans are not applicable. Contact Thomas Burrell with the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission at 717.705.7838 regarding ATON requirements. [25 Pa. Code §§105.14(b)(6), 105.21(a)(2), 105.14(b)(2)]

73. The impacts described under Section 5.0 of the Mitigation Plan are inconsistent with the impacts provided in the impact tables in the Environmental Assessment. Revise this inconsistency to state the correct impact totals throughout the application. [25 Pa. Code §§105.15(a), 105.21(a)(1), 105.13(e)(1)(i)(x)]

74. Provide information about the pump size, flow rate, and duration of use for those open cut crossings (dry crossings) that will use the typical bypass pump-around method. Provide justification for why larger streams do not utilize the proposed flume option. How will aquatic life be able to pass throughout the stream safely? [25 Pa. Code § 105.401(4), 105.13(g)]

75. The application states that the period of instream work to install the proposed pipeline(s) will be less than 24 hours in minor waterbodies and 48 hours for crossing of "intermediate" (10-30' across) waterbodies. Describe how these timeframes coincide with the hydrostatic testing procedures outlined in the project description. Do the trenches remain open during testing? To facilitate the further understanding of your project, revise your application to discuss the estimated time installation will take in crossings of wetlands and larger watercourses. [25 Pa. Code § 105.13(e)(1)(iii)]

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76. Revise the application to clarify if the exceptional value wetland analysis included all factors listed in 25 Pa Code §105.17(1). If the analysis did not consider all factors, revise it to analyze all factors and update the application. [25 Pa. Code §§105.13(e)(1)(x)(B), 105.17(1)]

77. At least the following wetlands which are exceptional value and which have not been identified as such in the application: C1, C2, C5, B32, B33, B28, B27, B29, B30, B31, W302, H25, H26, and W301. In addition, it also appears wetland K25 is likely EV based
on a review of aerial mapping and what appears to be stream and wetland presence outside of the survey area. This wetland should be evaluated to determine if it continues and is in or along the reach of a wild trout stream or tributary thereto. Revise the application accordingly to identify EV wetlands. [25 Pa Code §§105.13(e)(1)(x)(B), 105.17(l), 105.21(a)(1)]

78. Provide an assessment of the functions and values of any additional Exceptional Value wetlands and wetland with impacts over 1 acre. [25 Pa. Code §§105.13(e)(3), 105.15(a)]

79. Enclosure C of the Environmental Assessment discusses the various sections in terms relative to the existing pipeline ROW; however, the proposed ROW does not fully overlap the existing ROW but abuts/parallels the existing ROW. Revise Enclosure C to discuss the functions, habitat, and other factors in Enclosure C outside of the existing ROW and in areas of proposed impact and the overall resources. [25 Pa. Code §§105.13(e)(1)(x), 105.15(a), 105.14(b)(4)]

80. Public water supplies are located within in the vicinity of the proposed pipeline. The application states that there will not be any impacts the water supplies as a result of the pipeline. Provide the supporting documentation that led to this conclusion. Locate the public drinking water supplies in the vicinity of the proposed pipeline. Additionally, we recommend that you contact any public water supplier in order to help determine if your project will impact the public water supplier and subsequently provide documentation of interactions, through correspondence, with each supplier. Ensure all Public water supplies in the vicinity of the proposed pipeline are identified within the location map. Enclosed are instructions on how to utilize DEP’s eMapPA to identify public water supplies in the vicinity of your project. [25 Pa. Code §§105.13(e)(1)(ii) & 105.13(e)(1)(x) & 105.14(b)(5)]

a. Upon identification of public drinking water supplies, revise questions 14.0, 15.0, and 16.0 of the General Information Form accordingly. [General Information Form Instructions]

b. Upon identification of public drinking water supplies, revise the Environmental Assessment Form and associated enclosures accordingly to discuss the resources and impacts from water obstructions and encroachments on the public water supplies. [25 Pa. Code §§105.15(a), Environmental Assessment Form Instructions]

c. Upon identification of public drinking water supplies, revise the Alternatives Analysis and Mitigation Plan accordingly to avoid and minimize impacts to public water supplies and provide a detailed discussion on alternative routes, designs and
methods documenting that there is no practicable alternative to further avoid and minimize impacts. [25 Pa. Code §§105.13(e)(1)(viii), 105.13(e)(1)(ix), 105.14(b)(5)]

81. The application does not identify if the resources proposed to be affected are part of or located along a private water supply, including surface and groundwater sources. Revise the application and the Environmental Assessment to identify if any of the proposed resources are part of or located along a private water supply. [25 Pa. Code §§105.15(a), Environmental Assessment Form Instructions]

a. If private water supplies are identified, revise Enclosures C and D of the Environmental Assessment to identify them and discuss the impacts on them from the proposed water obstructions and encroachments.

b. Provide procedures that will be followed to investigate and resolve impacts to private water supplies should they occur as a result of the proposed activities. These procedures should discuss, at a minimum, how private water supply owners will be alerted in the event of an inadvertent return and how impacts will be resolved and/or mitigation.

82. Section F, Attachment 11, EA Form, Page 2, item 7 states, “Is the water resource part of or located along a private or public water supply?” The Applicant checked “No”. However, no documentation validating this statement is provided in the application. The Department is concerned that private and perhaps public water supply wells are located along crossed stream and wetland water resources and/or along the length of the HDD operations. The applicant needs to propose measures to protect all water uses, both surface intakes and groundwater sources, located along and/or downstream of the proposed work areas. Special attention needs to be applied to the potential unplanned impacts that HDD and inadvertent releases (IR) may have on groundwater sources. In addition, where a structure or activity is in a wetland, the applicant must demonstrate that this project will not cause or contribute to the pollution of groundwater or surface water resources or diminution of resources sufficient to interfere with their uses, including use as a public or private water supply. Your assessment needs to include identification, notification and consultations with water suppliers and/or well owners. A notification contact list needs to be included in your PPC Plan and Inadvertent Release Plan. [25 Pa Code §105.13; §105.14(b)(4); §105.14(b)(5); §105.18a(5); §105.18a(b)(5); §91.33(b); ].

83. The application states that topsoil will be segregated. Provide a revised Enclosure D of the Environmental Assessment that explains how the topsoil depth will be determined in the field. [25 Pa. Code §§105.15(a), 105.15(b), and Environmental Assessment Instructions]
84. Revise Enclosures C & D to discuss the watercourses and wetlands proposed to be
impacted and the impacts on them, and not discuss the impacts in general terms of the
overall project or general type of impacts. [25 Pa. Code §§105.13(e)(1)(x), §105.15(a)]

85. Revise Enclosures C & D to identify and discuss the impacts of the water obstructions
and encroachments on the Berks County Conservancy’s Forest Stewardship Land
easement in the area of S-C108. This area is identified on the PA Conservation Explorer
105.15(a), 105.14(b)(5)]

86. Revise Enclosure D to discuss the impacts of from the water obstructions and
encroachments on Sovereign Sports Park and Shiloh Hills Park and provide
documentation of approval of the proposed water obstructions and encroachments from
the appropriate park entities. These area are identified on the PA Conservation Explorer
105.15(a), 105.14(b)(5)]

87. Update and revise section A.3 of Enclosure D of the Environmental Assessment to
discuss any avoidance and minimization measures relative to clearance for the
105.15(a), 105.14(b)(5), Environmental Assessment Form Instructions]

88. Revise Enclosure D of the Environmental Assessment to discuss the impacts on the
Game Lands crossed in Berks County by the Water Obstructions and Encroachments, and
provide documentation of coordination and approval from the Pennsylvania Game
Commission. As necessary, provide any supporting documentation and/or coordination
materials for the approval from the Game Commission. [25 Pa. Code §§105.13(e)(1)(x),
105.15(a), 105.14(b)(5)]

89. Section A.3 of Enclosure D of the Environmental Assessment identifies the Allegheny
Portage Railroad of the Pennsylvania Canal in Cumberland County, when it is located in
Blair County. Revise this section to be accurate. [25 Pa. Code §105.13(e)(1)(x),
105.15(a), 105.14(b)(5)]

90. Revise section B.4 d. of Enclosure D of the Environmental Assessment to discuss
specific hiking trails which will be temporarily closed and identify their locations within
the project boundary. If hiking trails within the project boundary are associated with
proposed water obstructions or encroachments, provide a discussion on the impact to the
trail, the length of time it is proposed to be closed, plans for signage and detours, and
correspondence from any agencies or trail organizations regarding coordination of the
closure. [25 Pa. Code §§105.13(e)(1)(x), 105.15(a), 105.14(b)(5)]
91. Revise section A.9 of Enclosure D of the Environmental Assessment to discuss and identify impacts to preserved farms and/or farms with agriculture preservation easements or restrictions. Discuss how the minimization measures would affect preserved farms and how they will be affected, such as not being able to replant an orchard or vineyard. [25 Pa. Code §§105.13(e)(1)(x), 105.15(a), 105.14(b)(5), 105.14(b)(4), Environmental Assessment Form Instructions]

92. Enclosure C of the Environmental Assessment mentions that the project crosses the French Creek Important Bird Area (IBA), but Enclosure D does not discuss the impacts that water obstructions or encroachments may have on this area. Revise Enclosure D of the environmental assessment to discuss the impacts the proposed water obstructions and encroachments will have on this area. In addition, identify if/how the recommendations in the USFWS letter dated June 24, 2016 are being addressed. [25 Pa. Code §§105.13(e)(1)(x), 105.14(b)(4), 105.14(b)(5), 105.15(a)]

93. Revise Section B.1.c. of Enclosure D of the Environmental Assessment to discuss, any avoidance and minimization measures, and committing to implementing them. It currently states that clearances are being worked on. [25 Pa. Code §§105.15(a), 105.14(b)(4), 105.21(a)(1)]

94. Enclosure C of the Environmental Assessment identifies Biological Diversity Areas and Landscape Conservation Areas within the project area; however, Enclosure D does not discuss potential impacts to these areas. Revise Enclosure D to discuss potential impacts to these areas from the proposed water obstructions and encroachments. [25 Pa. Code §§105.15(a), 105.14(b)(4)]

95. Revise the description of wetland functions and values to not only include the principle functions and values, but all the functions and values the wetlands provide. [25 Pa. Code §§105.13(e)(2), 105.14(b)(13), 105.15(a)]

96. Based on the information in the application, it is apparent that wetland functions and values are present in multiple wetlands which have not been identified in the functions and values assessments and descriptions table (ex. wildlife habitat, groundwater discharge/recharge, flood flow alteration, and nutrient removal). Based on the information provided, the functions and values have been applied inconsistently across the wetlands. Re-evaluate and revise the functions and values assessments and descriptions for all wetlands. [25 Pa. Code §§105.13(e)(2), 105.13(e)(3), 105.14(b)(13), 105.15(a), 105.18(a)(1), 105.18a(b)(1)]
97. Revise the Environmental Assessment to discuss the impacts to each wetland where a vegetative class change is proposed (ex. PFO to PSS). The discussion should be specific to the wetland and its functions and values. [25 Pa. Code §§105.14(b)(4), 105.14(b)(13), 105.14(b)(11), §105.15(a), 105.18a(b), 105.18a(a)]

98. Section B.2.a of Enclosure D of the Environmental Assessment states the natural drainage patterns of the wetlands and small or headwater streams will be maintained. However, no information has been provided including detailed contours or cross sections depicting the drainage patterns, cross section, or what the drainage patterns are in the wetlands in their existing conditions. Explain how the final “restored” wetland elevations and natural drainage patterns of wetlands and streams will be determined. [25 Pa. Code §§105.13(e)(1)(ix), 105.14(b)(4), 105.14(b)(11), 105.15(a), 105.18a(a), 105.18a(b)]

99. Revise Enclosure D of the Environmental Assessment to explain, on an individual crossing and cumulative basis, why open cut pipe installation combined with permanent ROW maintenance will not result in an adverse impact to exceptional value wetlands or a significant adverse impact to other wetlands. The analysis should include a discussion of potential temporary or permanent impacts to hydrology as a result of the open cut, as well as a loss of woody species in forested/scrub shrub areas. Provide a plan to minimize the risk of permanent impacts to wetland hydrology for each wetland where an impact may occur. [25 PA Code §§105.13(e)(1)(ix) & 105.18a]

100. The HDD Inadvertent Return Contingency Plan includes profiles identifying Geotechnical profiles; however, no analysis has been provided on the risk of an inadvertent return occurring. Provide an analysis on the risk of an inadvertent return occurring for proposed HDD crossings of Exceptional Value and High Quality Streams, Class A Wild Trout waters, streams and wetlands which are inhabited by threatened or endangered species, streams and wetlands where inadvertent returns have previously occurred, crossings of streams and wetlands adjacent to or located along public water supplies, and streams with karst geology. Include in-depth detail, discussion, and data in the analysis of the risk of a return occurring. [25 Pa. Code §§105.14(b)(7), 105.18a(b)(3), 105.18a(b)(4), 105.18a(b)(5), 105.14(b)(4), 105.14(b)(11)]

a. Provide information/details on previous HDD activities on the prior Mariner East pipeline project where IRs occurred. At a minimum this should include, a topographic map with locations and latitude/longitude of each occurrence, description of event, amount of discharge, whether the discharge entered waterways and/or wetlands, mitigation/clean-up measures taken, etc.
b. A stand-alone attachment should be created to address the pre-boring geologic evaluation of the existence and potential to impact local drinking water supplies or aquifers around the boring location. The plan needs to include what measures will be employed to verify that no supplies or aquifer are impacted (i.e. pre and post water quality and quantity analysis). The plan should specify what notifications and remediation measures will be employed if there are impacts.

101. Wetlands are located in mapped soils with shallow bedrock and restrictive soil layers (i.e. fragipans), and the application’s data sheets and functions and values assessment identifies shallow rock layers, shallow bedrock, and/or restrictive soil layers are present. Also, based on the functions and values descriptions wetlands may contain groundwater discharges, such as springs or may be concave and not connected to groundwater.

a. For each wetland to be impacted, identify the locations of restrictive layers which contribute to and/or maintain the wetlands’ hydrology. [25 Pa. Code §§105.15(a), 105.13(e)(1)(x), 105.14(b)(4), 105.14(b)(13), 105.18(a)(a), 105.18(a)(b)]

b. Identify and provide a discussion on any potential permanent impacts to wetland hydrology from excavation or alteration from construction of the proposed project. Provide a plan, plan sheets, cross sections, and other details which demonstrate that impacts to the wetlands’ hydrology from alteration of restrictive layers have been avoided and minimized. [25 Pa. Code §§105.15(a), 105.13(e)(1)(x), 105.14(b)(4), 105.14(b)(13), 105.18(a)(a), 105.18(a)(b)]

102. Revise Enclosures C&D to assess the condition and discuss the condition of and impacts to forested and scrub shrub riparian areas. Revise the enclosures to discuss the primary impacts and secondary impacts, as well as consideration of antidegradation on watercourses for each watercourse crossing from the riparian vegetation impacts. [25 Pa. Code §§105.15(a), 105.13(E)(1)(x), 105.14(b)(4), 105.14(b)(11), 105.14(b)(12), 105.14(b)(14)]

a. In general, the Department recommends evaluating the riparian areas from the top of bank landward 100ft, and if the area utilized is less than 100ft justification should be given as to why. [25 Pa. Code §§105.15(a), 105.13(E)(1)(x), 105.14(b)(4), 105.14(b)(11), 105.14(b)(12), 105.14(b)(14), Riparian Forest Buffer Guidance, Document # 394-5600-001]

b. To avoid and minimize the impacts to the watercourses, provide a plan to replace the vegetation lost in both permanent and temporary ROW and workspaces. Alternatively, where it cannot be replaced and provided protection from clearing
during the proposed project’s operation and maintenance, provide an explanation as to why it cannot be replaced. [25 Pa. Code §§105.15(a), 105.13(E)(1)(x), 105.14(b)(4), 105.14(b)(11), 105.14(b)(12), 105.14(b)(14), 105.1, 105.14(b)(7)]

c. Revise the application plan drawings and project description to clearly and specifically state if vegetation clearing, cutting, removal, or other alteration is proposed as part of the proposed projects’ construction, operation, and maintenance. Revise the plan drawings to clearly indicate all locations where maintenance clearing, cutting, removal, or other alteration is not part of proposed maintenance activities. [25 Pa. Code §§105.13(e)(1)(ix), 105.14(b)(4), 105.14(b)(12), 105.14(b)(13), 105.14(b)(14), 105.11(d)]

103. To aid in evaluating the condition of and change in condition to watercourses and wetlands as discussed in other comments, the Department recommends utilizing the Draft Pennsylvania Riverine Condition Level 2 Rapid Assessment Protocol and the Draft Pennsylvania Wetland Condition Level 2 Rapid Assessment Protocol. These protocols are not for identifying the functions and values of the resources, but rather are utilized to assess the current and proposed conditions of the resources. [25 Pa. Code §§105.14(a), 105.14(b)(4), 105.14(b)(13), 105.14(b)(12), 105.15(a), 105.13(e)(1)(x)]

Mitigation Plan/Environmental Assessment

104. The Mitigation Plan appears to indicate that streams and wetlands which will be crossed by HDD are not proposed to have vegetative impacts either during construction or during operation and maintenance of the proposed pipelines. However, it is unclear on the plan drawings and in the application narrative precisely if vegetation cutting, clearing, removal, or grubbing is or is not part of the proposed construction, operation, and maintenance. Where Horizontal Directional Drill (HDD) and Bore crossings of resources are proposed a Permanent Easement is identified and impacts are identified as permanent only for the pipe size itself, and at other resource crossings a permanent ROW is identified and impacts are identified as permanent for the entire ROW. No explanation has been provided in the application for this different nomenclature.

a. Revise the application plan drawings and application narratives, including but not limited to the project description and mitigation plan, to clearly and specifically state if vegetation clearing, cutting, removal, or other alteration is or is not proposed as part of the proposed projects’ normal construction, operation, and maintenance. [25 Pa. Code §§105.13(e)(1)(ix), 105.14(b)(4), 105.14(b)(12), 105.14(b)(13), 105.14(b)(14), 105.11(d)]
b. Revise the plan drawings to clearly indicate all locations where maintenance clearing, cutting, removal, or other alteration is not part of proposed maintenance activities. [25 Pa. Code §§105.13(e)(1)(ix), 105.13(e)(1)(i), 105.14(b)(4), 105.14(b)(12), 105.14(b)(13), 105.14(b)(14), 105.11(d)]

c. If construction, normal operation, or normal maintenance activities will require the clearing, cutting, removal, or other alteration of the vegetation in or adjacent to the wetland and streams the application must be revised to identify and discuss in detail the primary impacts and secondary impacts to these resources from the proposed project. The applications Environmental Assessment should be revised to discuss the resources and the impacts thereto. Compensatory mitigation may be necessary and required to compensate for impacts to these resources. [25 Pa. Code §§105.15(a), 105.13(e)(1)(a), 105.14(b)(4), 105.14(b)(12), 105.14(b)(13), 105.14(b)(14), 105.14(b)(11), 105.13(e)(1)(ix), 105.15(a), 105.18(a)(a), 105.18a(b)]

105. The Mitigation Plan implies through mention of “No Mow” signs that PSS and PFO wetlands which will be crossed by open cut methods are not proposed to have vegetative impacts after they are re-vegetated following construction during the operation and maintenance of the proposed pipelines. However, it is unclear on the plan drawings and in the application narrative precisely if vegetation cutting, clearing, removal, or grubbing is or is not part of the proposed operation, and maintenance of the proposed pipelines.

a. Revise the application plan drawings and application narratives, including but not limited to the project description and mitigation plan, to clearly and specifically state if vegetation clearing, cutting, removal, or other alteration is or is not proposed as part of the proposed projects’ normal construction, operation, and maintenance. [25 Pa. Code §§105.13(e)(1)(ix), 105.14(b)(4), 105.14(b)(12), 105.14(b)(13), 105.14(b)(14), 105.11(d)]

b. Revise the plan drawings to clearly indicate all locations where maintenance clearing, cutting, removal, or other alteration is not part of proposed maintenance activities. [25 Pa. Code §§105.13(e)(1)(ix), 105.13(e)(1)(i), 105.14(b)(4), 105.14(b)(12), 105.14(b)(13), 105.14(b)(14), 105.11(d)]

c. If construction, normal operation, or normal maintenance activities will require the clearing, cutting, removal, or other alteration of the vegetation in or adjacent to the wetlands the application must be revised to identify and discuss in detail the primary impacts and secondary impacts to these resources from the proposed project. The applications Environmental Assessment should be revised to discuss the resources and the impacts thereto. Compensatory mitigation may be necessary and required to compensate for impacts to these resources from these impacts. [25 Pa. Code
\$\$105.14(b)(4), 105.14(b)(12), 105.14(b)(13), 105.14(b)(14), 105.15(a), 105.11(d), 105.13(e)(1)(ix), 105.18a(a), 105.18a(b)\$\$

106. The Mitigation Plan and Environmental Assessment state that conversion of Palustrine Forested Wetlands (PFO) is proposed to occur, and that there will be a functional loss, but the loss is de minimus.

a. Revise the Mitigation plan to replant the PFO wetlands in the permanent and temporary ROW with native trees if possible, and if not possible provide specific details and documentation on why this is not possible. [25 Pa. Code \$\$105.13(e)(1)(viii), 105.1, 105.14(b)(4), 105.14(b)(13), 105.18a(a), 105.18a(b)\$\$]

b. Based on the Mitigation Plan, PSS wetlands are acceptable in the permanent ROW. Therefore, if replanting of PFO wetlands in the permanent or temporary ROW is not possible, revise the mitigation plan to replant converted PFO wetlands in the ROW with shrubs. [25 Pa. Code \$\$105.13(e)(1)(viii), 105.1, 105.14(b)(4), 105.14(b)(13), 105.18a(a), 105.18a(b)\$\$]

c. The application does not evaluate the cumulative conversion of PFO wetlands for the entire project. The applications for Blair, Huntingdon, Juniata, Perry, Cumberland, York, Dauphin, Lebanon, Lancaster, and Berks Counties within the Department’s Southeart Region propose a conversion on approximately 0.528 acre of PFO wetlands. Based on the Department’s review of the impacts for PFO wetlands, compensatory mitigation is required to offset the identified PFO functional impacts of conversion to PSS. Revise the application to assess the impact to the effected forested wetlands, evaluate the cumulative effect on all counties of the proposed project, and provide compensatory replacement for the lost functions and values. [25 Pa. Code \$\$105.13(e)(1)(ix), 105.13(e)(1)(viii), 105.14(b)(4), 105.14(b)(12), 105.14(b)(13), 105.14(b)(14), 105.15(a), 105.18a(a), 105.18a(b), 105.20a(a)(2)\$\$]

107. The application states that temporarily impacted Palustrine Scrub Shrub (PSS) and PFO wetlands will be replanted with native trees and shrubs, PSS wetlands in the permanent ROW will be planted with wetland shrubs, and PFO wetlands in the permanent ROW will be allowed to revert to PSS/PEM wetlands. Provide planting plans and details for these areas and for the replanting of PFO areas in the permanent and temporary ROWs. The planting plans must identify the locations of the plantings and wetlands, the species to be planted, the planting density, the proposed size of the plantings, planting timing, goals and objectives for success, and a monitoring plan to ensure re-establishment. [25 Pa. Code \$\$105.13(e)(1)(ix), 105.18a(a), 105.18a(b), 105.20a\$\$]
Section 2.2.2.1 of the Mitigation Plan, Construction in Wetlands with Unsaturated Soils, conflicts with the rest of the application, which identifies that all wetland crossings will be crossed with mats or pads. Crossing unsaturated wetlands without timber mats would contribute to soil compaction, rutting, and disturbance of the cut vegetation’s roots. Therefore, revise the Mitigation Plan to identify that all wetland crossings shall use mats or pads. [25 Pa. Code §§105.21(a)(1), 105.13(e)(1)(ix), 105.15(a), 105.18a(a), 105.18a(b)]

Section 2.2.2.1 of the Mitigation Plan identifies that wetlands will be reseeded with a native wetland seed mixture; however, the mixture is not specified nor is it proposed on the plans. Revise the application to identify the seed mixture to be used and revise the E&S plans to indicate its use for wetland restoration in the Typical Wetland Restoration detail. [25 Pa. Code §§105.13(e)(1)(ix), 105.14(b)(4), 105.14(b)(13)]

The HDD list at the end of the Inadvertent Return Contingency Plan in the Mitigation Plan identifies HDD crossings with notes as “Drive Through – Travel Only” which are not identified on the plan drawings or applications as being “Drive Through – Travel Only.” Revise this information to be accurate and consistent with the rest of the application. [25 Pa. Code §§105.21(a)(1), 105.13(e)(1)(i), 105.13(e)(1)(iii)]

The application contains HDD Inadvertent Return Contingency Plans in multiple sections of the application, such as the Mitigation Plan and different species conservation plans. However, the Contingency Plans are not all consistent in terms of agency notifications, and the PAFBC Law Enforcement is not identified as being notified as required in the PAFBC PNDI clearance letter. Also, the HDD table is not included in all versions of the Contingency Plan. Revise the HDD Inadvertent Return Contingency Plans to all be consistent, include the appropriate jurisdictional agencies, and provide documentation that revised plans have been sent to all jurisdictional agencies. [25 Pa. Code §§105.21(a)(1), 105.13(e)(1)(ix), 105.14(b)(4)]

Alternatives Analysis

The Alternatives Analysis states that the Alternatives Analysis is meant to be a summary of major actions taken to avoid/minimize impacts. The Alternatives Analysis must be a detailed analysis of alternatives, including alternative locations, routings, or designs to avoid or minimize adverse impacts and document and provide evidence that there is no practicable alternative which would not involve a wetland or that would have less adverse impact on a wetland. In addition, for the project to be water dependent as stated in the Alternatives Analysis, it must be based on the demonstrated unavailability of any alternative route location, or design or use of location, route or design to avoid or
minimize adverse impacts. Revise the Alternatives Analysis to provide a detailed analysis of alternative routings, locations, and designs to avoid and minimize impacts and provide detailed documentation and evidence that there are not practicable alternatives which would further avoid and minimize impacts. [25 Pa. Code §§105.13(e)(1)(viii), 105.14(b)(7), 105.18(a)(2), 105.18(a)(3), 105.18(a)(2), 105.18(a)(3)]

In addition, address the following specific comments regarding the Alternatives Analysis:

a. The Alternatives Analysis states that the proposed project was co-located with an existing pipeline for the majority of the route. However, multiple deviations away from the existing Sunoco pipeline occur within Berks County and no information, details, or documentation on why the route deviated away from the existing ROW was given, or on alternate route selection to avoid and minimize impacts. Provide a detailed alternatives analysis which contains evidence and documentation on potential and avoided impacts for the existing alignment, proposed alignment, and other potential route alignments which documents that impacts cannot be further avoided and minimized. The following route alignments in Berks County have been identified which deviate widely from the existing Sunoco ROW: The area between S-B50 and S-C30, the area between S-C32 and S-B31, the area from S-H20, to wetland W35. [25 Pa. Code §§105.13(e)(1)(viii), 105.14(b)(7), 105.18(a)(a)]

b. Revise the Alternatives Analysis to discuss, evaluate, and provide a detailed analysis on alternative routes to avoid and minimize impacts to High Quality Streams and watersheds. [25 Pa. Code §§105.14(b)(7), 105.13(e)(1)(viii)]

c. Revise your alternatives analysis to discuss routing alternatives that were considered as alternatives to impacts Exceptional Value wetlands. [25 Pa. Code §§105.13(e)(1)(viii), 105.14(b)(7), 105.18(a)(a)]

d. Some portions of the proposed ROW and pipelines directly abuts the maintenance corridor of the existing Sunoco pipeline; however, in other portions the proposed ROW has partial or near complete overlap with the existing maintenance area and pipeline. No discussion on this is provided in the alternatives analysis, and it appears that more overlap of the proposed ROW and the existing Sunoco Maintenance corridor is practicable and would further avoid and minimize impacts. Revise the application accordingly to avoid and minimize impacts by locating the proposed ROW with overlap of the existing maintenance corridor, or provide a detailed analysis and discussion with specific details explaining why this overlap is present in some areas and not others, and why the proposed ROW cannot further overlap. [25 Pa. Code §§105.14(b)(7), 105.13(e)(1)(viii), 105.18(a)(a), 105.18(a)(b)]
c. It appears that primary impacts and secondary impacts from the Temporary ROW and ATWS’s can be avoided by locating them outside the floodway of streams. Revise the application accordingly to avoid and minimize impacts, or provide a detailed analysis of alternative routes, designs and methods to avoid and minimize these impacts which documents and provides evidence that other routes and designs would not further avoid or minimize impacts. [25 Pa. Code §§105.13(e)(1)(viii), 105.14(b)(7)]

f. It appears, but is not described in the application, that HDD was assumed by the applicant to be the crossing method presenting the least potential impact to water resources and aquatic species. Revise the alternatives analysis to provide justification for the selection of which water resource (streams and wetlands) crossings will be made by HDD. [25 Pa. Code §§105.14(b)(7), 105.18a(b)(3), 105.18a(a)(3), 105.13(e)(1)(viii)]

g. It appears that several waters of the Commonwealth could be crossed using trenchless installation methods. Revise the application accordingly, or provide a revised alternatives analysis that incorporates a discussion of alternative crossing techniques (conventional bore, HDD, micro-tunneling, etc.) that includes documentation and evidence addressing each resource crossing and explaining why trenchless installation methods are not appropriate. [25 Pa. Code §§105.14(b)(7), 105.18a(b)(3), 105.18(a)(3), 105.13(e)(1)(viii)]

h. It appears that impacts to wetland A49 and stream S-A73 could be avoided and minimized by re-locating the alignment to the North. Revise the application accordingly to avoid and minimize impacts, or provide a detailed analysis of alternative routes, designs and methods to avoid and minimize these impacts which documents and provides evidence that other routes and designs would not further avoid or minimize impacts. [25 Pa. Code §§105.13(e)(1)(viii), 105.14(b)(7), 105.18(a)]

i. It appears that relocating the proposed pipelines’ alignment North of wetland B24 could avoid and minimize impacts to the wetland and stream S-B25, that the forest may already be sparse in this area, and no residences appear to be in close proximity. Revise the application accordingly to avoid and minimize impacts, or provide a detailed analysis of alternative routes, designs and methods to avoid and minimize these impacts which documents and provides evidence that other routes and designs would not further avoid or minimize impacts. This should include specific details and quantification which documents that other routes and designs would not further avoid or minimize impacts. [25 Pa. Code §§105.13(e)(1)(viii), 105.14(b)(7), 105.18(a)]

j. It appears that impacts to wetland B42 could be avoided and minimized by locating the proposed pipelines to overlap more with the existing Sunoco Pipeline Maintenance
Corridor. The alternatives analysis does not discuss this alternative. Revise the application accordingly to avoid and minimize impacts, or provide a detailed analysis of alternative routes, designs and methods to avoid and minimize these impacts which documents and provides evidence that other routes and designs would not further avoid or minimize impacts. [25 Pa. Code §§105.13(e)(1)(viii), 105.14(b)(7), 105.18a(a)]

k. It appears that relocating the proposed pipelines' alignment North of wetland B43 could avoid and minimize impacts to the wetland and stream S-B48 and that no streams or wetlands are identified in this area. Revise the application accordingly to avoid and minimize impacts, or provide a detailed analysis of alternative routes, designs and methods to avoid and minimize these impacts which documents and provides evidence that other routes and designs would not further avoid or minimize impacts. This should include specific details and quantification which documents that other routes and designs would not further avoid or minimize impacts. It is unclear why it is practicable to clear forest in some route deviations of the existing pipeline but not others. [25 Pa. Code §§105.13(e)(1)(viii), 105.14(b)(7), 105.18a(a)]

l. It appears that relocating the proposed pipelines' alignment North of wetland B44 could avoid and minimize impacts to the wetland and that no wetlands would be impacted and the same amount of area of stream would be impacted. Revise the application accordingly to avoid and minimize impacts, or provide a detailed analysis of alternative routes, designs and methods to avoid and minimize these impacts which documents and provides evidence that other routes and designs would not further avoid or minimize impacts. This should include specific details and quantification which documents that other routes and designs would not further avoid or minimize impacts. [25 Pa. Code §§105.13(e)(1)(viii), 105.14(b)(7), 105.18a(a)]

m. It appears that relocating the proposed pipelines' alignment South of wetland B49 to overlap the existing pipeline maintenance area of be South of it could avoid impacts to the wetland and minimize disturbance of forested areas. Revise the application accordingly to avoid and minimize impacts, or provide a detailed analysis of alternative routes, designs and methods to avoid and minimize these impacts which documents and provides evidence that other routes and designs would not further avoid or minimize impacts. This should include specific details and quantification which documents that other routes and designs would not further avoid or minimize impacts. It is unclear why it is practicable to clear forest in some route deviations of the existing pipeline but not others. [25 Pa. Code §§105.13(e)(1)(viii), 105.14(b)(7), 105.18a(a)]

n. It appears that continuing the proposed auger bore to bore beneath stream S-C33 and wetland C23 in their entirety would avoid and minimize impacts. Revise the application accordingly to avoid and minimize impacts, or provide a detailed analysis of alternative
routes, designs and methods to avoid and minimize these impacts which documents and provides evidence that other routes and designs would not further avoid or minimize impacts. [25 Pa. Code §§105.13(e)(1)(viii), 105.14(b)(7), 105.18a(a)]

o. It appears that locating the proposed pipelines to the East would avoid impacts to stream S-B43. Revise the application accordingly to avoid and minimize impacts, or provide a detailed analysis of alternative routes, designs and methods to avoid and minimize these impacts which documents and provides evidence that other routes and designs would not further avoid or minimize impacts. [25 Pa. Code §§105.13(e)(1)(viii), 105.14(b)(7)]

p. It appears that locating the proposed pipelines between wetlands B40 and J67, or East or West of these wetlands could avoid impacts to them. Revise the application accordingly to avoid and minimize impacts, or provide a detailed analysis of alternative routes, designs and methods to avoid and minimize these impacts which documents and provides evidence that other routes and designs would not further avoid or minimize impacts. [25 Pa. Code §§105.13(e)(1)(viii), 105.14(b)(7), 105.18a(a)]

q. It appears that locating the proposed ROW and pipelines slightly more to the East could avoid impacts to wetland W48. Revise the application accordingly to avoid and minimize impacts, or provide a detailed analysis of alternative routes, designs and methods to avoid and minimize these impacts which documents and provides evidence that other routes and designs would not further avoid or minimize impacts. [25 Pa. Code §§105.13(e)(1)(viii), 105.14(b)(7), 105.18a(a)]

r. It appears that impacts to wetland AM2 can be further minimized by removing the proposed temporary ROW and associated impacts from the wetland. Revise the application accordingly to avoid and minimize impacts, or provide a detailed analysis of alternative routes, designs and methods to avoid and minimize these impacts which documents and provides evidence that other routes and designs would not further avoid or minimize impacts. [25 Pa. Code §§105.13(e)(1)(viii), 105.14(b)(7), 105.18a(a)]

s. It appears that impacts to wetland W35 can be further minimized by removing the proposed temporary ROW and associated impacts from the wetland and from extending the auger bore to bore the pipelines completely underneath wetland W35. Revise the application accordingly to avoid and minimize impacts, or provide a detailed analysis of alternative routes, designs and methods to avoid and minimize these impacts which documents and provides evidence that other routes and designs would not further avoid or minimize impacts. [25 Pa. Code §§105.13(e)(1)(viii), 105.14(b)(7), 105.18a(a)]

t. The alternatives analysis states in the discussion for wetlands AM2 and C6 that alternate routes contains landowner constraints, but does not discuss what these are. In addition,
other portions of the proposed pipeline contain large deviations from the existing pipeline, beyond what is examined in the analysis for these wetlands. Revise the alternatives analysis to identify the specific landowner constraints mentioned. Revise the application accordingly to avoid and minimize impacts, or provide a detailed analysis which documents and provides evidence that alternative routes around this wetland complex area would not further avoid or minimize impacts. [25 Pa. Code §§105.13(e)(1)(viii), 105.14(b)(7), 105.18(a)(a)]

u. It appears that shifting the proposed ROW and pipelines to the northeast of the existing pipeline and maintenance corridor between wetland C1 and K26 could avoid and minimize impacts to streams S-C1 and S-C2 and wetlands C1 and C2 and cross stream S-C1 in a more perpendicular fashion. Revise the application accordingly to avoid and minimize impacts, or provide a detailed analysis of alternative routes, designs and methods to avoid and minimize these impacts which documents and provides evidence that other routes and designs would not further avoid or minimize impacts. [25 Pa. Code §§105.13(e)(1)(viii), 105.14(b)(7), 105.18(a)(a)]

v. It appears that impacts to wetland B32 could be avoided by continuing the auger bore to fully pass underneath wetland B32. Revise the application accordingly to avoid and minimize impacts, or provide a detailed analysis of alternative routes, designs and methods to avoid and minimize these impacts which documents and provides evidence that other routes and designs would not further avoid or minimize impacts. [25 Pa. Code §§105.13(e)(1)(viii), 105.14(b)(7), 105.18(a)(a)]

w. It appears that impacts to wetlands B27, B28, B29, B30, B31, and W302 and streams S-B27, S-B28, and S-B29 could be minimized by utilizing trenchless technology such as HDD or micro-tunneling or avoided through alternate routes. Revise the application accordingly to avoid and minimize impacts, or provide a detailed analysis of alternative routes, designs and methods to avoid and minimize these impacts which documents and provides evidence that other routes and designs would not further avoid or minimize impacts. [25 Pa. Code §§105.13(e)(1)(viii), 105.14(b)(7), 105.18(a)(a)]

x. It appears that locating the proposed ROW and pipelines northeast of the existing pipeline and maintenance corridor would avoid and minimize impacts to wetlands H25, H26, and H23 and to streams S-H23, S-H22. In this location it appears that the wetlands would be avoided and stream S-H22 would be avoided. Revise the application accordingly to avoid and minimize impacts, or provide a detailed analysis of alternative routes, designs and methods to avoid and minimize these impacts which documents and provides evidence that other routes and designs would not further avoid or minimize impacts. [25 Pa. Code §§105.13(e)(1)(viii), 105.14(b)(7), 105.18(a)(a)]
y. It appears the impacts to stream S-B30 could be minimized by locating the auger bore pit a sufficient distance away from the stream to not open cut it and avoid impacts to its hydrology. Revise the application accordingly to avoid and minimize impacts, or provide a detailed analysis of alternative routes, designs and methods to avoid and minimize these impacts which documents and provides evidence that other routes and designs would not further avoid or minimize impacts. [25 Pa. Code §§105.13(e)(1)(viii), 105.14(b)(7)]

z. It appears that impacts and secondary impacts could be avoided and minimized by locating the proposed temporary ROW and AWS which surround stream S-H21 to the South and East. Revise the application accordingly to avoid and minimize impacts, or provide a detailed analysis of alternative routes, designs and methods to avoid and minimize these impacts which documents and provides evidence that other routes and designs would not further avoid or minimize impacts. [25 Pa. Code §§105.13(e)(1)(viii), 105.14(b)(7)]

aa. It appears that impacts to wetland H21 and stream S-H16 can be avoided by locating the proposed pipelines and ROW the Northeast or Southwest. Revise the application accordingly to avoid and minimize impacts, or provide a detailed analysis of alternative routes, designs and methods to avoid and minimize these impacts which documents and provides evidence that other routes and designs would not further avoid or minimize impacts. [25 Pa. Code §§105.13(e)(1)(viii), 105.14(b)(7), 105.18a(a)]

bb. The proposed pipelines and ROW deviates from the existing ROW from west of stream S-Q90 to just west of wetland W35. However, this will result in new reaches of stream and forest clearing. Revise the alternatives analysis to discuss and analyze alternative routes to avoid and minimize impacts to streams and wetlands, including but not limited to paralleling and overlapping the existing pipeline and maintenance corridor and use of trenchless technology to maintain riparian habitat. Revise the application accordingly to avoid and minimize impacts, or provide a detailed analysis of alternative routes, designs and methods to avoid and minimize these impacts which documents and provides evidence that other routes and designs would not further avoid or minimize impacts. [25 Pa. Code §§105.13(e)(1)(viii), 105.14(b)(7), 105.18a(a)]

c. It appears that impacts to wetland Q80 could be avoided by locating the proposed pipelines and ROW North of the wetland. Revise the application accordingly to avoid and minimize impacts, or provide a detailed analysis of alternative routes, designs and methods to avoid and minimize these impacts which documents and provides evidence that other routes and designs would not further avoid or minimize impacts. [25 Pa. Code §§105.13(e)(1)(viii), 105.14(b)(7), 105.18a(a)]
dd. It appears that impacts to wetland W35 and stream S-Q62 could be avoided by locating the proposed pipelines and ROW South and outside of wetland W35. Revise the application accordingly to avoid and minimize impacts, or provide a detailed analysis of alternative routes, designs and methods to avoid and minimize these impacts which documents and provides evidence that other routes and designs would not further avoid or minimize impacts. [25 Pa. Code §§105.13(e)(1)(viii), 105.14(b)(7), 105.18(a)(a)]

e.e. It appears that impacts to wetland BA10 could be minimized by extending the HDD to install the pipes by HDD underneath this wetland. Revise the application accordingly to avoid and minimize impacts, or provide a detailed analysis of alternative routes, designs and methods to avoid and minimize these impacts which documents and provides evidence that other routes and designs would not further avoid or minimize impacts. [25 Pa. Code §§105.13(e)(1)(viii), 105.14(b)(7), 105.18(a)(a)]

ff. It appears that impacts to wetland A45 could be avoided by locating the proposed pipelines and ROW Southwest of wetland A45. Revise the application accordingly to avoid and minimize impacts, or provide a detailed analysis of alternative routes, designs and methods to avoid and minimize these impacts which documents and provides evidence that other routes and designs would not further avoid or minimize impacts. [25 Pa. Code §§105.13(e)(1)(viii), 105.14(b)(7), 105.18(a)(a)]

Other

113. If any changes to the proposed route occur, revise all parts, components of the application to reflect these changes. This includes providing copies of the submission to and clearance from the PHMC, USFWS, PFBC, DCNR, and PGC. [25 Pa. Code §§105.13(e)(1), 105.21(a)(1)]

114. Please respond to and address the comments from the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission found on the attached sheet. Due to the number of crossings and time-of-year restrictions, the Department recommends identifying the time-of-year restrictions on the plans. [25 Pa. Code §§105.14(b)(4), 105.14(b)(6)]

115. There appears to be a sizeable impoundment that may be regulated by dam safety. Waiting to hear back from Dam Safety

You must submit a response for each of the above deficiencies. You may request a time extension, in writing, before November 7, 2016 to respond to deficiencies beyond the sixty (60) calendar days. Requests for time extensions will be reviewed by DEP and considered. You will be notified in writing of the decision either to grant or deny, including a specific due date to
respond if the extension is granted. Time extensions shall be in accordance with 25 Pa. Code §105.13a(b).

DEP has developed a standardized review process and processing times for all permits or other authorizations that it issues or grants. Pursuant to its Permit Review Process and Permit Decision Guarantee Policy (021-2100-001), DEP guarantees to provide permit decisions within the published time frames, provided applicants submit complete, technically adequate applications/registrations that address all applicable regulatory and statutory requirements, in the first submission. Since you did not submit a complete and/or technically adequate application, DEP’s Permit Decision Guarantee is no longer applicable to your application.

Pursuant to 25 Pa. Code §105.13a of DEP’s Chapter 105 Rules and Regulations you must submit a response fully addressing each of the significant technical deficiencies set forth above. Please note that this information must be received in triplicate within sixty (60) calendar days from the date of this letter, on or before November 7, 2016 or DEP may consider the application to be withdrawn by the applicant.

If you believe that any of the stated deficiencies is not significant, instead of submitting a response to that deficiency, you have the option of asking DEP to make a decision based on the information with regard to the subject matter of that deficiency that you have already made available. If you choose this option with regard to any deficiency, you should explain and justify how your current submission satisfies that deficiency. Please keep in mind that if you fail to respond, your application may be withdrawn or denied.

Should you have any questions regarding the identified deficiencies, please call Herman Jackson at 717.705.4814 and Andrew McDonald at 717.705.4776 and refer to Application No. E07-459 to discuss your concerns or to schedule a meeting. The meeting must be scheduled within the 60-day period allotted for your reply, unless otherwise extended by DEP.
You may also follow your application through the review process via eFACTS on the Web at: http://www.ahs2.dep.state.pa.us/eFactsWeb/default.aspx.

Sincerely,

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