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May 28, 2021

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

Re: Chapter 102 Permit No. ESG0100015001 and 105 Permit No. E-15-862

Completion of the Mariner East pipeline project in southeastern Pennsylvania is critical for our continued economic revitalization in southwestern Pennsylvania, which is why we support the construction modifications proposed by Energy Transfer in Chester County. This pipeline literally and figuratively links our commonwealth.

At the Pittsburgh Airport Area Chamber of Commerce, our mission is to maximize economic vitality through advocacy, education, and networking. As part of that work, we believe it is vitally important to speak out in support of opportunities that will have great benefits for our shared economies. So far, construction of the pipeline has created nearly 10,000 jobs in Pennsylvania. It has been a steady source of employment for skilled laborers across the state --- and they have been able to work where they live. If projects like this are not allowed to proceed, these workers will be forced to find employment away from home, missing tee-ball games and ballet recitals. In many cases, especially in western Pennsylvania, these residents are second- or third-generation workers skilled in their trades. They deserve the opportunity to work jobs where their families have been living for generations.

Pennsylvania is now the second largest natural gas producer in the country. We cannot take full advantage of this ranking without the ability to transport these resources safely and efficiently to end-users, and pipelines by far are the safest mode to do this. Energy Transfer's modified plan is the best approach to finish this work in a way that safe for the environment, safe for its workers, and better for the community. We urge your support.

Sincerely,

Chris Heck, President/CEO
Pittsburgh Airport Area Chamber of Commerce