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Comments on <u>Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission's</u> draft rules on hazardous liquids pipelines

Dear Commissioners:

Please consider amending the rules regarding pipeline markers to reduce the impact on adjacent properties. My home has been peacefully alongside existing pipelines that have been in place with markers only at road crossings for over fifty years without incident. The recent Mariner project has left us with a proliferation of markers, including regular placement of 3 identical markers within inches of each other, varying heights, colors and styles of markers within a few feet of each other, among other unattractive impacts. These duplicate and varied markers obviously have no added safety benefit over a uniform marker consistent in style with the markers of other nearby pipelines. Some pipeline owners (presumably the least competent ones) interpret 45 CFR to require a marker at every small turn of the line, while others don't. Uniformity, and consideration of multiple pipelines in a single right of way or easement as requiring a single marker, would benefit those of us the former governor strong-armed into granting easements by taking away landowner negotiating leverage with his law making condemnation for pipelines a legitimate threat.

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