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Public Reply Comment: Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission's Proposed Rulemaking for Hazardous Liquids Pipelines Docket: L-2019-3010267

Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission:

I am writing to express my agreement with recent comments submitted in strong support of more stringent regulations for hazardous liquid pipelines in Pennsylvania.

At the same time, I strongly disagree with recent comments submitted by the industry and on its behalf opposing the PUC's proposed rulemaking. Their arguments really boil down to three things: Current regulations are enough; increased safety measures will be too costly; stricter regulations might make installing and operating these pipelines in certain scenarios, particularly High Consequence Areas, impossible or not profitable..

I live in densely populated Chester County where the dangerous Mariner East pipeline project's construction and operation have made it disturbingly clear that the existing regulations from the PA PUC, PHMSA and the PA DEP are incredibly insufficient.

I join countess others from across the Commonwealth in urging the PUC to promptly enact and enforce the most stringent regulations possible to protect Pennsylvanians, putting the public's safety ahead of the special interests and profits of the oil and gas industry. Thank you.

Regards

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