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Chairman Chatterjee
Commissioner Glick
Commissioner McNamee
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
88 First Street, NE
Washington, DC 20426

Dear Chairman Chatterjee and Commissioners Glick and McNamee:

RE: Opposition to PennEast Environmental Assessment Process (FERC Document Number: 2020-17298, Document Citation: 85 FR 47960, Agency/Docket No. CP20-47-000)

The National Wild and Scenic Rivers System was created by Congress in 1968 (Public Law 90-542;16 U.S.C. 1271 et seq.) to preserve certain rivers with outstanding natural, cultural, and recreational values in a free-flowing condition for the enjoyment of present and future generations. The Lower Delaware Wild & Scenic River Management Council, a part of the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System, focuses on the area of the Delaware River south of the Delaware Water Gap and north of Trenton.

Our Management Plan requires the evaluation of projects that may impact the river corridor. Refer to <https://lowerdelawarewildandscenic.org/index.php/resources/documents/lower-delaware-wild-and-scenic-management-plan>.

We submit this letter in opposition to how the PennEast Pipeline environmental assessment will be managed. It is our opinion that the environmental assessment should be examined as a single assessment for the entire length of the project including both the Pennsylvania and New Jersey sections. Examining the environmental impacts separately for each section fails to consider the full effect of and alternatives to, building both phases of the project. Since each project segment cannot stand alone, the environmental assessment should be examined for the entirety of the pipeline.

Sincerely,
Richard Dodds
Chairman