



For Immediate Release:

December 1, 2021

Contact:

Maya van Rossum, the Delaware Riverkeeper, Delaware Riverkeeper Network, 215-801-3043,
keepermaya@delawariverkeeper.org

PennEast Pipeline Company Confirms Project's Cancellation

Washington, D.C. - In a letter filed on November 30, 2021 with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC), the PennEast Pipeline Company stated that it has "ceased all further development of the Project."

The letter was in response to questions raised by the Delaware Riverkeeper Network and Homeowners Against Land Taking-PennEast, Inc. (HALT) in our opposition to a motion to hold the lawsuit challenging PennEast's certificate in abeyance. In a November 23, 2021 letter sent to the PennEast Pipeline company, noting that court filings had alerted the agency to conflicting statements about the expected future of the PennEast pipeline, FERC required the company to explain the status of the pipeline project within seven days.

November 30, PennEast filed its response which reads: "The PennEast member companies, following extensive evaluation and discussion, recently determined that further development of the Project is no longer supported given the challenges in acquiring certain permits needed to construct the Project, including a water quality certification and other wetlands permits under Section 401 of the Clean Water Act for the New Jersey portion of the Project. Accordingly, PennEast has ceased all further development of the Project."

"Until FERC rescinds its certifications given to any and all aspects of the PennEast pipeline, including both the Pennsylvania and New Jersey portions of the project, this is not over. As easily as PennEast wrote FERC today to say the project was dead, they could write a letter changing their minds. To ensure the protection of our environment and communities FERC must instantly void any and all approvals it has provided. On that day I will begin to rest easy and then also urge the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania to rescind the Clean Water Act certification it prematurely gave to the project as well," said **Maya van Rossum, the Delaware Riverkeeper and leader of the Delaware Riverkeeper Network.**

Conflicting statements had been made by PennEast to the press and in other court proceedings, leaving open the possibility that PennEast would try to continue to pursue construction of the Pennsylvania portion of the Project. The Delaware Riverkeeper Network (DRN) had been challenging the project in court, and [recently filed](#) in opposition to a motion to hold in abeyance lawsuits challenging FERC's order issuing Certificates of Public Convenience and Necessity -- i.e. FERC approvals -- for the PennEast Pipeline.

#####