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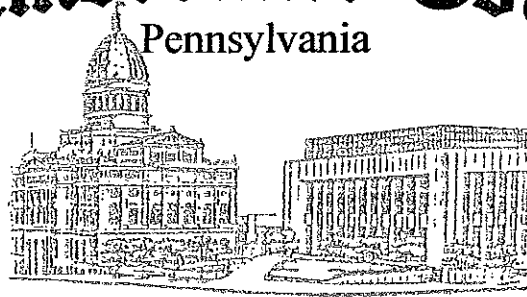
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Rosemary Chiavetta, Secretary
Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission
Commonwealth Keystone Building
400 North Street, Filing Room
Harrisburg, PA 17120

Re: Petition of Senator Dinniman for Interim Emergency Relief; Docket No. P-2018-3001453;
Senator Dinniman v. Sunoco Pipeline L.P.; Docket No. C-2018-3001451

Dear Secretary Chiavetta:

Pennsylvania cannot afford the shutdown of Mariner East 1 (ME1) Pipeline, nor the halt to construction of Mariner East 2 (ME2). The decision by Administrative Law Judge Barnes is bad for our state's economy, for jobs, and for the natural energy industry that is so important to Westmoreland County and all of Pennsylvania.

Judge Barnes' decision is directly opposite to the one made by the PUC Commissioners, who two weeks ago voted unanimously to restart ME1, finding that ME1 was safe to operate. The Judge's decision is also directly opposite of the PUC Bureau of Investigation and Enforcement, who three weeks ago filed a statement of concurrence that ME1 was safe to resume operation.

Further, Judge Barnes' decision to halt construction of ME2 pipeline is short-sighted and unfounded. Over the course of the project, and particularly in recent months, we know the project's developers have gone to great lengths to enhance communication with all stakeholders. They have put into place key measures assuring safe and proper construction techniques, which at a minimum meet permit regulations, but in many instances exceed federal and industry standards.

The future of our state's economy is in peril. Regulations must be enforceable and consistent. We should expect regulatory adherence, and not unnecessarily punish an entire industry.

Thank you for your attention and consideration.

Sincerely,


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