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Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission
Attention: Secretary Rosemary Chiavetta
400 North Street
Harrisburg, PA 17120

RE: Proposed Rulemaking for Pipeline Reporting Requirements, Docket No. L-2019-3010270

Dear Secretary Chiavetta:


We are writing to express our support for the PUC's proposed amendments to the public utility reporting regulations at 52 Pa. Code §§ 73.1, 73.3, 73.5, and 73.7 which would require crude oil, gasoline and petroleum pipeline public utilities to comply with the reporting requirements in Chapter 73, just as electric, gas and water service public utilities do already. If adopted the amendments would require reports for annual depreciation, service life study and capital investment to determine whether those utilities will be capable of providing safe, efficient and adequate service.

West Whiteland Township has been ground zero for problems associated with Energy Transfer's Mariner East pipelines that are in operation and under construction. With this experience, we request that the proposed amendments include a requirement that the reports, particularly the life studies, be publicly available. While concern about security risks to pipelines is understandable, the excessive secrecy surrounding many of Energy Transfer's plans has created challenges for local officials and added to public suspicion about the safety of the pipelines.


The additional reporting requirements proposed in these amendments, and the analysis that would result from them, are an important step towards not only making oil, gasoline and petroleum pipelines in Pennsylvania safer, but also in making residents feels safer, especially if they can read the studies and analysis for themselves.

Sincerely,

West Whiteland Township
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