



June 1, 2016

Commissioners Bay, LaFleur, Clark, and Honorable  
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission  
888 First Street, NE  
Washington, DC 20426

Re: Extending public comment period and rescheduling public hearings for Atlantic Sunrise

Dear Commissioners:

On behalf of Sierra Club's 2.4 million members and supporters nationwide, including our nearly 80,000 members and supporters in Pennsylvania, we respectfully request at least a 30-day extension of the comment period and a similar amount of time for the public to prepare and make arrangements to attend hearings on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the Atlantic Sunrise pipeline project ("Project"). The DEIS, including appendices, is 1,342 pages long and the project it describes will have long-lasting, substantial impacts on local communities and our environment.

The Project entails 183 miles of newly constructed pipeline to carry fracked gas from Pennsylvania throughout the south, and requires at least two new compressor stations in Pennsylvania. The Project also aims to deliver gas to the Cove Point Liquefied Natural Gas Export Facility. We are concerned about the Project's negative impacts to the environment, including greenhouse gas emissions, forest cover loss, habitat fragmentation, water quality impacts, and noise and air pollution from compressor stations. Additionally, the environmental justice implications of this project and associated compressor stations need to be addressed.

We feel strongly that 45 days is simply not enough time for the public and all interested stakeholders to read and respond to this document and the Project's myriad impacts. Thus, if the Commission is to provide for meaningful public participation, it should extend the deadline for public comments on the DEIS by at least 30 days. Likewise, the public hearings, which have been announced for June 13th - 16th, should be postponed by at least 30 days to allow the public to make arrangements to attend and come prepared to participate.

Thank you for your consideration of this request. We look forward to your response.

Sincerely,

/s/

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Director, Pennsylvania Chapter of the Sierra Club