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The Honorable Debbie-Anne A. Reese, Secretary
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
888 First Street, NE
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RE: Docket No. CP-25-29-000, Eastern Gas Transmission & Storage, Inc. Capital Area Project

Dear Secretary Reese:

As the State Senator for the 25th Senatorial District of Pennsylvania, serving constituents in Cameron, Clinton, Elk, McKean, Potter and part of Jefferson and Centre Counties, I am writing to express my strong support for the Capital Area Project by Eastern Gas Transmission & Storage, Inc. (Docket No. CP-25-29-000) to increase the capacity on its existing pipeline system. This project involves updates to three existing compressor stations in Centre County, Clinton County, and Franklin County, Pennsylvania, as well as an additional compressor station in Loudoun County, Virginia.

This project is of critical importance to meeting the growing energy needs of residents and businesses in Pennsylvania, Maryland, and Virginia. By enabling the creation of 67,500 dekatherms per day from gas storage in Clinton County, Pennsylvania, to be delivered to Loudoun County, Virginia, the project ensures the reliable, local energy supply that our region requires to thrive.

Beyond its energy benefits, the project promises significant economic advantages for our local communities. These include short-term construction jobs and the purchase of construction-related goods and services from local providers, offering a much-needed boost to our regional economies. Additionally, Eastern Gas Transmission & Storage, Inc. has shown its commitment to community support and economic development through grants totaling \$200,000 and vendor spending exceeding \$484 million further enhancing its positive impact on our area.

Furthermore, Eastern Gas Transmission & Storage, Inc. has a proven record of responsible and sustainable business operations. The company upholds a commitment to conservational stewardship by providing annual grants to organizations like the Keystone Elk Country Alliance and sponsoring The Western Pennsylvania Conservancy Watershed Mini Grant Program. These efforts help preserve and enhance the communities they serve, demonstrating that economic development can go hand in hand with conservation and sustainability.

I strongly urge the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission to approve this Capital Area Project to help ensure a more secure and prosperous future for all of Pennsylvania and its neighboring states.

Thank you for considering my comments. Should you have any questions or require additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me at your convenience.

Sincerely,

Cris Dush
Pennsylvania State Senator
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