



Via Electronic Mail

January 27, 2025
The Honorable Debbie-Anne A. Reese
Secretary
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
888 First Street, NE
Washington, DC 20426

Re: Docket CP25-29-000 – Capital Area Project by Eastern Gas Transmission and Storage

Dear Secretary Reese.

Founded in 1968, the Maryland Chamber of Commerce (the Chamber) is the leading voice for business in Maryland. We are a statewide coalition of more than 7,000 members and federated partners working to develop and promote strong public policy that ensures sustained economic growth for Maryland businesses, employees, and families.

The Chamber is writing to express our strong support for Eastern Gas Transmission and Storage's (EGTS) Capital Area Project. As Maryland's energy needs continue to grow, the importance of ensuring reliable, affordable, and efficient energy solutions to support our businesses, homes, and communities becomes increasingly critical. Maryland faces unique energy challenges, including being a net importer of electricity, maintaining reliability during periods of peak demand and ensuring access to affordable energy as our energy landscape transitions.

The Capital Area Project exemplifies a forward-thinking approach to meeting this demand by utilizing existing infrastructure to increase capacity and enhance energy reliability without the need for new pipeline construction. Importantly, EGTS has demonstrated a strong commitment to safety, environmental stewardship, and regulatory compliance throughout its operations. The Capital Area Project aligns with these principles, integrating seamlessly with existing infrastructure while maintaining a minimal environmental footprint.

The Chamber recognizes the critical role natural gas plays in supporting Maryland's economic growth, as it powers businesses, homes and industries across the state. Projects like this are essential for ensuring a resilient energy system capable of meeting future challenges. We respectfully urge the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission to approve the Capital Area Project. We are confident that this project will provide significant benefits to Maryland and



the broader Mid-Atlantic region, reinforcing our shared commitment to reliable energy infrastructure.

Thank you for considering this important project. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Mary Kane
President & CEO
Maryland Chamber of Commerce