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

January 13, 2025

RE: Docket CP25-29-000 Eastern Gas Transmission and Storage, Inc. Capital Area Project Via E-File and customer@ferc.gov

Dear Secretary Reese,

On behalf of the Pennsylvania Chamber of Business and Industry (the "Pennsylvania Chamber"), I write to express our strong support for Eastern Gas Transmission and Storage's (EGTS) application to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) and its Capital Area Project, which is before the Commission under docket CP25-29-000. This infrastructure project enhances the delivery of reliable and affordable natural gas to communities across the Mid-Atlantic and is vital in helping to meet the growing energy demands of residential, commercial, and industrial consumers throughout the region.

The Pennsylvania Chamber of Business and Industry is the largest broad-based business association in Pennsylvania, representing nearly 10,000 businesses. Our membership includes companies involved in all aspects of the natural gas industry including the extraction, processing, and transportation of natural gas, as well as local distribution companies that deliver natural gas to end users.

Pennsylvania is a global leader in energy and a critical hub for both traditional and emerging energy markets. With a projected generation shortfall looming in the PJM region, Pennsylvania is uniquely positioned to play a key role in addressing this urgent issue to ensure affordable and reliable energy in the Commonwealth. As such, the PA Chamber supports an all-of-the-above energy policy that strengthens our status as a global energy leader.

EGTS currently manages almost 4,000 miles of pipelines, ensuring the safe transportation of natural gas from production and storage fields to end-users across the Mid-Atlantic region, delivering clean, reliable and affordable energy to large customers including utilities and power plants, as well as local distribution companies, providing heat to millions of homes and businesses.

The Capital Area Project includes critical upgrades to existing compressor stations, including facilities in Pennsylvania and Virginia. These improvements, such as the replacement of gas coolers and the installation of new turbines and electric motors, will significantly increase the capacity for delivering natural gas to end users, further supporting energy security and economic growth in our region.

Affordable energy is a cornerstone of Pennsylvania's economic competitiveness. As energy prices continue to be a top concern for businesses, investments in infrastructure like the Capital Area Project are critical to stabilizing costs and meeting future energy demands. Improving energy reliability and reducing bottlenecks helps mitigate price volatility and protects consumers and businesses from disruptions.

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It is important to note that the Capital Area Project does not include any new construction of pipelines or related facilities and will be implemented with a strong focus on environmental responsibility and compliance with state and federal regulations. Modernizing pipeline networks not only ensures that businesses can operate efficiently, expand operations, and help attract new investments in Pennsylvania, it reduces risks of leaks and emissions, thereby contributing to a cleaner energy future.

Again, this project is essential to strengthening Pennsylvania's energy infrastructure and ensuring access to affordable energy for residents and businesses across the region. As such, the PA Chamber respectfully urges the Commission to conduct a thorough review and ultimately approve EGTS's Capital Area Project application, under Docket No **CP25-29-000**, in a timely manner so critical construction and permitting processes can begin and the Capital Area Project can meet its anticipated in-service schedule of Winter 2027.

Thank you for your time and consideration. Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Amy Brinton". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large loop at the end.

Amy Brinton
Director, Government Affairs
PA Chamber of Business and Industry

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