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April 17, 2014

Robert Powelson, Chairman
Pennsylvania Public Utilities Commission
P.O. Box 3265
Harrisburg, PA 17120

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Dear Chairman Powelson:

On behalf of the Pennsylvania Chamber of Business and Industry (PA Chamber), the largest, broad-based business advocacy association in the Commonwealth, I am writing to you to express support for Sunoco Pipeline L.P.'s application before the Pennsylvania Public Utilities Commission for exemption for pump stations and valve sites.

The approval of Sunoco Pipeline's application would further the regional, state and national economy by helping create a business environment more conducive to job growth. Specifically, ethane and commercial plastics are industries where pennies matter. A 2012 PricewaterhouseCoopers report¹ estimated increased use of domestic natural resources, including the Marcellus shale, could reduce manufacturing costs upwards of \$11 billion annually through the next decade. Such savings would allow businesses to invest in and expand their workforce, spurring a revitalized economy for the region and a growing tax base for the state.

Sunoco Logistics' Mariner East Project would contribute to the reduction of the sort of energy and feedstock costs referenced in the PricewaterhouseCoopers report by keeping natural gas liquids, including propane, butane and ethane, from the Marcellus Shale in the region. Currently, such valuable natural gas liquids are sent to facilities in the Gulf Coast region; the Mariner East project would allow these valuable commodities to be put to use in Pennsylvania at the former Marcus Hook refinery.

Such use would serve as the foundation for the development of a revitalized petrochemical manufacturing sector in the region – and with it a host of well-paying blue- and white-collar jobs in a number of related industries. Jobs were lost when refining operations at Marcus Hook were idled several years ago; using natural gas liquids to transform the former refinery into a world-class hub for processing, storing and transporting propane, ethane and butane would help bring these jobs back. This transformation would create jobs in the construction, manufacturing, engineering, marketing, logistics and transportation sector, as well as open new opportunities for business growth along the supply chain. This project would also help develop and sustain the Port of Philadelphia and add jobs in maritime industries.

¹ <http://www.pwc.com/us/en/industrial-products/publications/shale-gas.jhtml>

The pump stations and valve sites at the heart of Sunoco Pipeline's application are essential to maximizing the safety of the pipeline, allowing greater control and monitoring. The PA Chamber asks that the *Pennsylvania Public Utilities Commission* please consider the need for this critical infrastructure from both a safety standpoint and the regional economic impact of this important project as you review Sunoco Logistics' petition.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Gene Barr". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Gene" being more prominent than the last name "Barr".

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