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This email is in reference to an Application of Laurel Pipe Line Company, L.P. for All Necessary Authority, Approvals, and Certificates of Public Convenience To Change the Direction of Petroleum Products Transportation Service to Delivery Points West of Eldorado, Pennsylvania

<u>Docket No. A-2016-2575829</u>

Dear Ms. Chiavetta,

Thank you for taking the time to read this email. My name is Kevin Steele and I am Executive Vice President of H.B. Steele & Son, Inc., a liquid fuels retail supplier located in Orwigburg, PA servicing approximately 1,000 households in Schuylkill, Berks & Lehigh counties. I am contacting you as a strong supporter and advocate for approval of the subject application. I believe that the PA Public Utility Commission's approval would help ensure a more reliable supply of petroleum products to our customers. I also believe that it will help boost our ability to offer competitive prices to these customers. Price advantaged Midwestern refined products will make motor fuels and heating fuels more affordable for all Pennsylvania consumers, both residential and commercial.

I am also the President of the Berks-Schuylkill Oil Heat Assn. (www.bsoha.org), while I cannot pen this letter on behalf of the association, due to conflict of interest issue with an associate member of the council, our full dealer members show overwhelming support for this application. The full dealer members of our association deliver fuel to the vast majority of liquid fuel consumers in the 12 county region including and surrounding those of our associations namesake.

I would strongly encourage the PUC to approve this pipeline directional change as a way to bring about fair and competitive pricing as well as reliable supply of liquid fuels to the consumers of East-Central Pennsylvania.

Thank You for your time. If the PUC would like to engage in further discussion about this proposal, please do not hesitate to contact me. Thank You!

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