

PETITION TO INTERVENE

Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission

Commonwealth Keystone Building

2nd Floor, Room-N201, Harrisburg, PA 17120

I am petitioning to intervene in the matter of State Senator Dinniman's Complaint to stop construction of the Mariner East Pipeline (PUC Docket no. C-2018-3001451).

Sunoco is proposing to put two large pipelines a mere few feet underground through the heart of Exton in West Whiteland Township. Construction of Mariner 2 and 2X presents the risk of sinkholes due to the karst geology, presenting an environmental risk, a risk to private and public water supplies and property values, and, if Mariner East 1 is in operation during construction, a threat to people's lives and property. Already in West Whiteland Township Sunoco's failure to have a complete understanding of the geology of Mariner East route's lead to the destruction of private water wells in June 2017 and the destruction of people's properties due to sinkholes and the need for PUC's Emergency Order in March 2018 after Sunoco refused to shutdown Mariner East despite the potential for "catastrophic" events.

Once completed, Mariner East would present an ongoing risk to lives and property. The thousands of people who live, work, shop, dine and visit the Chester County Library would be in the Potential Impact Radius at any given moment in a day. This risk is compounded by the pinnacles, voids and sinkholes in karst geology which increase the potential for pipeline failure and the potential for accidental damage of a pipeline just a few feet underground by digging.

I live in Exton in the Potential Impact Radius. Mariner East passes within 250 feet of our home and we shop, get our hair cut, go to our doctors, go to the library, visit friends and dine along the route of Mariner East in Exton. We are concerned for the risk this project imposes to our lives, our well being and our property values.

Exton exceeds the requirements for PHMSA's High Consequence Area. And Sunoco has shown its egregious lack of regard in its numerous violations on this project and others. The Public Utility Commission needs to stop construction of Mariner East in Exton because it cannot ensure that neither its construction nor operation would be safe.

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