

Chairman Gladys Brown Dutrieuille
Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission
Commonwealth Keystone Building
400 North Street, Third Floor
Harrisburg, PA 17120

Citizen Comment on Proposed Settlement for Safety Investigation of 2018 Pipeline Failure and Fire in
Beaver County (Docket M-2020-3004646)

Dear Chairman Brown Dutrieuille,

We are grateful for the chance to share comments about the Proposed PUC settlement with Energy Transfer regarding the 24-inch Revolution pipeline failure and fire on September 10, 2018 in Center Township, Beaver County, Pennsylvania. We live on Ivy Lane, the site of the Revolution rupture that caused our neighborhood to evacuate. It destroyed our neighbors' hand-built log cabin home, their garage, many vehicles, plus two to four acres of forest. A dog and several cats perished in the incinerated house. All of our lives are forever altered and our lives continue to be disrupted daily.

Terms of the Settlement, Section A. "ETC shall pay a civil penalty of \$1,000,000....."

- We recommend a higher civil penalty by several million dollars as a deterrent, and here is why.
- The Revolution pipeline is rerouted (closer to all of us), reconnected, and was put into service on March 01, 2021. To this day, earth stabilization and aquatic restoration continues six or seven days a week, oftentimes 12-hours a day.
- The PUC investigation focused on one day, September 10, 2018, and the events leading up to that day. We continue to endure intrusions into our lives, daily disruptions, construction traffic, helicopters overhead, and constant noise. Beep-Roar-Vroom-Bang-Beep. All day, every day. We feel the enjoyment of our land and once quiet neighborhood has been taken from us for the past three years. We cannot retrieve or recover or put a price on that which we believe was squandered from us. We can, however, recommend a higher penalty to Energy Transfer as a deterrent for construction practices that put the public, this neighborhood, emergency personnel, and the environment in peril. For this reason, we highly recommend a greater civil penalty of several addition million dollars for the magnitude of disruption caused by the explosion. If the Revolution pipeline had been trenched into bedrock, the PUC investigation and the disturbance to our lives and destruction of forest could have been avoided.

Terms of the Settlement, Section E. ".....ETC shall perform five annual in-line inspections....."

- We agree with the five annual in-line inspections and subsequent inspections. Thank-you. These in-line inspections are additional safety precautions we hoped for.

Terms of the Settlement, Section E. “The data shall be collected and analyzed by ETC or a contractor retained by ETC, and the analysis and/or summary of the results interpreting the data shall be provided to I&E as soon as practicable, but no later than 45 days from ETC’s receipt of the analysis and/or results.”

- We do not agree with Energy Transfer analyzing the in-line inspection data.
- We recommend the unredacted and unmanipulated raw in-line data be forwarded to the PUC for analysis by an independent third-party chosen jointly by the PUC and Energy Transfer, paid for by Energy Transfer, with no input or influence until the results are published. The independent third-party can forward the results to the PUC and Energy Transfer simultaneously, so that both receive the analysis at the same time. The analysis should not be influenced by the participants (PUC or Energy Transfer).
- In numerous instances, industry has not been forthright with data reporting. Data can be manipulated, altered, or omitted. To allow Energy Transfer to analyze and report the results of the in-line inspection data to I&E is the same as allowing the fox to guard the hen house. Here are two examples of when industry was not straightforward:
 - Missing well water test results and altering of reporting limits documented in “Amity and Prosperity: One Family and the Fracturing of America” by Eliza Griswold, 2018. Chapter 15 – Missing Pages. Factual story about Washington County, Pennsylvania and Range Resources.
 - Failure to report millions of gallons of lost drilling fluid for the Mariner East Pipeline (owned by Sunoco Pipeline, who is owned by Energy Transfer). On January 3, 2020, The Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection issued a consent order and agreement with a civil penalty of \$1,956,000. [DEP-COA Raystown Lake 01-16-2020.pdf \(state.pa.us\)](#)

Please consider our comments about the Proposed PUC settlement with Energy Transfer. We recommend increasing the civil penalty and an independent analyze of the in-line inspection data.

Respectfully,

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