



— Pittsburgh Regional —
Building Trades Council
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August 3, 2021

Rosemary Chiavetta, Secretary
Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission
Commonwealth Keystone Building
400 North Street
Harrisburg, PA 17120

RE: Docket No. M-2020-3004646

Dear Secretary Chiavetta,

I am writing in my capacity as Business Manager of the Pittsburgh Regional Building Trades Council in support of the *Joint Petition for Approval of Settlement* submitted by the Bureau of Investigation and Enforcement and ETC Northeast Pipeline in the matter of the 2018 Revolution Pipeline incident. The proposed settlement achieves a comprehensive and balanced resolution and is in the best interests of Pennsylvania craftsmen/women and their communities. It should be approved promptly and without amendment to ensure our commonwealth can continue to reap the economic and environmental benefits of this project and other infrastructure development projects.

The Revolution Pipeline has been an important source of employment and income for many of the local unions and different craft sectors represented by the Pittsburgh Regional Building Trades Council. Approval of the proposed settlement would help ensure more investment in our region which benefits our members through similar high-quality jobs in the future. Conversely, failure to settle would discourage job creation by the energy industry and force some of our state's most skilled trade workers to seek employment beyond our region.

Union trade workers are not the only Pennsylvanians that stand to benefit from this settlement. Pennsylvania is the second largest producer of natural gas in the country. That status and the political and economic benefits it confers would be at stake if the Public Utility Commission fails to work with industry to ensure the safe development of key infrastructure projects like Revolution. This settlement is an important signal to private industry that Pennsylvania is open to more economic investment. Additionally, pipelines and the natural gas they carry are safer and less emitting than alternative modes of energy transportation and generation.

Through its proactive efforts to address the 2018 incident and its negotiations with the Bureau of Investigation and Enforcement, ETC Northeast Pipeline has demonstrated its commitment to ensure the Revolution Pipeline will operate safely. The Pittsburgh Regional Building Trades Council is confident that the proposed settlement, which stipulates additional monitoring and inspection, addresses necessary safety concerns.

On behalf of Pennsylvania's skilled workers, I encourage you to approve the settlement under consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Tom Melcher".

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CC: PUC Bureau of Investigation and Enforcement
ETC Northeast Pipeline