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Administrative Law Judge Eranda Vero
Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission
Office of Administrative Law Judge
801 Market Street, Suite 4063
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RE: Monroe Energy, LLC, Lucknow-Highspire Terminals, LLC, Sheetz, Inc. and PBF Holding Company LLC v. Laurel Pipe Line Company, L.P.; Docket No. C-2025-3053018; **PREHEARING CONVERSION TO HEARING**

Dear Judge Vero:

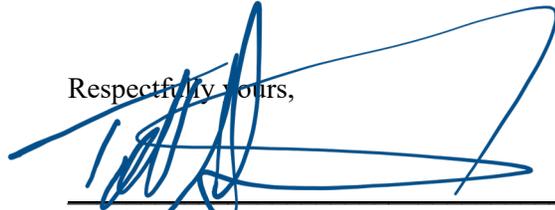
On April 23, 2025, the Commission issued a "Call-In Telephone Hearing Notice" for an "Initial Call-In Telephonic Hearing in the above-captioned matter to be held June 12, 2025. On May 1, 2025, Your Honor circulated an email proposing to conduct a Prehearing Conference on May 9, 2025, at 10:00 am, and all parties have responded that the date and time are acceptable and so we anticipate that said conference will be scheduled and the issue of a litigation schedule is a likely subject to be addressed.

The purpose of this letter is to propose that the hearing currently scheduled for June 12, 2025, is premature considering the breadth of the facts at issue in this complaint matter, and to seek guidance as to whether the Parties may propose a litigation schedule that does not begin and end with a hearing on June 12. As Your Honor noted in your Order Denying Preliminary Objections, there are a number of factual determinations that need to be made, including: 1) whether Respondents proposed bi-directional extension will interfere with east-to-west flows to a degree that constitutes abandonment; 2) whether the initiation of Phase 3 is a permissible change in Laurel's tariff and whether the additional service will impact the volumes that shippers can continue to transport on the Laurel Pipeline. There are other issues such as Laurel's recent modifications to the Ried Vapor Pressure requirements that have caused market disruptions and additional costs for shippers and whether such modifications are just and reasonable. There simply is not enough time for the gathering of information and the development of positions and the preparation of expert testimony that will be crucial to gain a complete understanding of the issues.

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We have discussed this proposal with Counsel for Laurel/Buckeye and are told that Laurel/Buckeye will oppose our request to extend the schedule, presumably due to concerns over the timetable for implementation of bi-directional service. We posit that the Commission should not be pressured by a litigant that selected the times to file its pleadings that initiated this proceeding, knowing that they would be contested. We, therefore, believe that our request is reasonable under the circumstances.

Respectfully yours,



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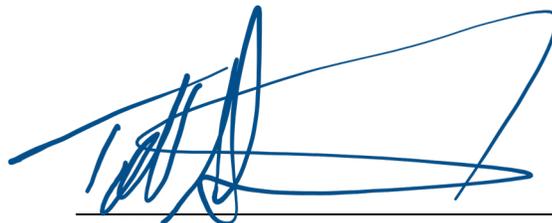
I hereby certify that I have this day served a true copy of the foregoing document upon the parties, listed below, in accordance with the requirements of 52 Pa. Code § 1.54 (relating to service by a party).

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