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The Honorable Stephen M. DeFrank, Chairman
Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission
400 North Street, Keystone Building
Harrisburg, PA 17120

Re: Proposed Extension of Bi-Directional Service on the Laurel Pipeline.
PUC Docket No. C-2025-3053018

Dear Chairman DeFrank:

On behalf of the members of the International Union of Operating Engineers Local 66 (IUOE Local 66) and the families we represent across the Commonwealth, I am writing to express our strong interest in the continued development and modernization of Pennsylvania's energy infrastructure, including the proposed expansion of bi-directional service on the Laurel Pipeline.

Our members build, maintain, and support critical infrastructure projects throughout Pennsylvania, including pipelines, energy facilities, and related systems that are essential to the safe and reliable delivery of fuel resources. These projects create family-sustaining jobs and provide long-term economic benefits in the communities where our members live and work.

The proposed expansion of bi-directional service represents not only an operational improvement to an existing asset, but also an opportunity to support continued investment in infrastructure that requires a highly trained, safety-focused workforce. Our members are prepared to perform this work to the highest industry standards, with extensive training in safety, compliance, and modern construction practices.

As reflected in the record, bi-directional service has already resulted in upgrades and improvements to the pipeline system that enhance safety, efficiency, and reliability. Continued investments of this nature support both infrastructure integrity and the skilled workforce necessary to deliver these projects successfully. Decisions that enable continued infrastructure investment are critical to maintaining both system reliability and the jobs that support Pennsylvania's economy.

Importantly, projects like this help sustain consistent employment for construction workers, whose livelihoods depend on a steady pipeline of infrastructure work. Energy infrastructure



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development-particularly projects that modernize and enhance existing systems-provides critical opportunities for local workers and contractors while supporting broader economic activity across the Commonwealth.

Pennsylvania has a strong, highly trained energy construction workforce that takes great pride in its work. Our members are ready and able to support projects like the Laurel Pipeline improvements, ensuring they are completed safely, efficiently, and in a manner that benefits both the system and the public.

We appreciate the Commission's consideration of this matter and respectfully encourage its support of policies and decisions that allow for continued investment in infrastructure, job creation, and the utilization of a qualified, local workforce.

Thank you for your time and attention to this matter. Should you have any questions or require any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,



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