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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:

I write in support of the proposed extension of bi-directional service on the Laurel Pipeline and to emphasize the importance of this project to consumers and businesses across Pennsylvania. Reliable access to affordable gasoline, diesel fuel, and home heating oil remains critically important to our Commonwealth, particularly as global instability and ongoing conflict in the Middle East continue to place upward pressure on energy prices.

Since 2019, the Laurel Pipeline has successfully operated with bi-directional service between Altoona and Pittsburgh, improving the utilization of existing infrastructure while expanding access to competitively priced fuel supplies from both Midwest and East Coast refineries. The proposed extension between Pittsburgh and Reading would further strengthen Pennsylvania's fuel supply network and improve flexibility for shippers and consumers alike.

Pennsylvania's eastern and central regions currently rely heavily on limited supply sources, including the Colonial Pipeline, local refineries, and foreign imports. Disruptions to any one of these sources can quickly lead to increased fuel costs for Pennsylvania families and businesses. Expanding access to additional Midwest refinery supplies through the Laurel Pipeline would help reduce this risk while enhancing supply reliability and competition.

At a time when energy affordability remains a significant concern for residents across the Commonwealth, projects that strengthen supply reliability and promote competitive pricing deserve support. The proposed extension of bi-directional service on the Laurel Pipeline represents an important opportunity to improve fuel security and provide long-term benefits to Pennsylvania consumers.

Thank you for your time and consideration of this important matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Dawn W. Keefer".

Dawn Keefer
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