

SENATE RESOLUTION No. 99

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

216th LEGISLATURE

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SYNOPSIS

Opposes PennEast Pipeline project in NJ.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



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1 **A SENATE RESOLUTION** opposing the PennEast Pipeline project in
2 New Jersey.

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4 **WHEREAS**, The PennEast Pipeline Company is proposing to construct
5 the PennEast Pipeline to bring Marcellus shale gas to natural gas
6 customers in Pennsylvania and New Jersey; and

7 **WHEREAS**, The proposed 108-mile, 36-inch diameter PennEast
8 Pipeline will run from Luzerne County in northern Pennsylvania to
9 Transco's pipeline interconnect near Pennington, Mercer County,
10 New Jersey; and

11 **WHEREAS**, There are many critical environmental resources including
12 public water supplies, wetlands, marshes, rivers, forests, protected
13 and preserved areas, threatened and endangered species, and other
14 natural resources that would be impacted by the proposed pipeline,
15 in addition to residents of local communities along the proposed
16 pipeline route that may be negatively affected by the development,
17 construction, and ongoing operation of the pipeline; and

18 **WHEREAS**, The PennEast Pipeline project will have a significant
19 impact on privately-owned lands including farms, businesses, and
20 residences, and may lower the value of surrounding properties in
21 the communities along the proposed pipeline route; and

22 **WHEREAS**, Interstate natural gas pipelines, such as the PennEast
23 Pipeline project, are regulated by the Federal Energy Regulatory
24 Commission, and the law requires operators to obtain a federal
25 Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity, in addition to
26 various state and local permits, before any pipeline facilities can be
27 built; now, therefore,

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29 **BE IT RESOLVED** *by the Senate of the State of New Jersey:*

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31 1. This House objects to and opposes the PennEast Pipeline
32 project as proposed because of the negative impact it could have on
33 the environment and surrounding communities it will transgress.
34 This House urges the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission to
35 reject the project for the same or other appropriate reasons, but if it
36 does approve it, to grant the approval only after all of the
37 environmental and other related concerns of the State and affected
38 communities are addressed and satisfied and appropriate safeguards
39 are put in place to protect the environment and surrounding
40 communities.

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42 2. Copies of this resolution, as filed with the Secretary of State,
43 shall be transmitted by the Secretary of the Senate to the Federal
44 Energy Regulatory Commission, the Commissioner of the New
45 Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, the New Jersey
46 Board of Public Utilities, and the Delaware River Basin
47 Commission.

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STATEMENT

This resolution objects to and opposes the PennEast Pipeline project as proposed, because of the negative impact it could have on the environment and surrounding communities it will transgress. The resolution also urges the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission to reject the project for the same or other appropriate reasons, but if it does approve it, to grant the approval only after all of the environmental and other related concerns of the State and affected communities are addressed and satisfied and appropriate safeguards are put in place to protect the environment and surrounding communities.

The PennEast Pipeline Company has proposed a 108-mile, 36-inch diameter natural gas pipeline that will extend from Luzerne County in northern Pennsylvania to an interconnect with Transco’s pipeline near Pennington, Mercer County, New Jersey. The company has initiated the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission pre-filing process and plans to file a formal application in the third quarter of 2015. If approved, pipeline construction could begin in spring 2017 and the pipeline could be operational in November 2017.