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Dear Ms. Bose:

As Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer for New Jersey, in accordance with 36 CFR Part 800: Protection of Historic Properties, as published with amendments in the Federal Register on 6 July 2004 (69 FR 40544-40555), I am providing continuing consultation comments for the following proposed undertaking:

**Hunterdon and Mercer Counties
 Reconnaissance-Level Historic Architectural Survey Report
 PennEast Pipeline Project
 FERC Docket #CP15-558-000
 Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC)**

The consultation comments below are in response to the following reconnaissance-level historic architectural survey report received at the Historic Preservation Office (HPO) on March 14, 2019:

Zeoli, Vanessa, Katherine Farnham, Michael P. Kenneally, Ann Marie DiLucia, Courtney Clark, and Kaitlin Pluskota

March 2019 *Reconnaissance-Level Survey Report, Addendum 4, PennEast Pipeline Project, Hunterdon and Mercer Counties, New Jersey.* Prepared by AECOM, Conshohocken, PA. Prepared for PennEast Pipeline Company, LLC.

This documentation was submitted to the HPO for review and comment pursuant to Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act and its implementing regulations 36 CFR Part 800.

800.4 Identification of Historic Properties

The above-referenced reconnaissance-level survey report includes HPO Base Forms for 14 resources within the Area of Potential Effects (APE) in Hunterdon and Mercer counties. The Base Forms include recommendations for intensive-level survey of three properties. The remaining properties were identified as lacking integrity and therefore no additional survey was recommended. The HPO concurs with the recommendation of no additional survey for the following properties:

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- 298 Milford Warren Glen Road, Holland Township, Hunterdon County (Block 15, Lot 12; Survey Code HU-0285)
- 733 Milford Frenchtown Road, Alexandria Township, Hunterdon County (Block 18, Lot 18.01; Survey Code HU-0302)
- 774 County Road 519, Kingwood Township, Hunterdon County (Block 23, Lot 10; Survey Code HU-0320)
- 1273 Bear Tavern Road, Hopewell Township, Mercer County (Block 61, Lot 5.01; Survey Code ME-0304)
- 133 Blackwell Road, Hopewell Township, Mercer County (Block 72, Lot 52; Survey Code ME-0287)

All of these properties date to the mid-twentieth century and, as such, are unlikely to have significance under National Register Criterion A or B for associations with historic events or individuals significant in history. The buildings also lack architectural distinction, rendering them ineligible for the National Register under Criterion C in the area of architecture.

The HPO also concurs that the following resources require intensive-level survey in order to determine their eligibility for the New Jersey and National Registers of Historic Places:

- Belvidere-Delaware Railroad Historic District, White Township, Warren County, to Trenton, Mercer County (Survey Code HU-0277). The Belvidere-Delaware Railroad was constructed between 1849 and 1855 to connect Trenton's industrial complexes to the anthracite coal regions of Pennsylvania via a rail connection at Manunka Chunk, near Belvidere. The intensive-level survey is needed to identify character-defining features and contributing resources within the APE, as well as to determine whether the rail line has historical significance under National Register Criteria A or B, or engineering significance under Criterion C.
- 1155 Frenchtown-Flemington Road, Kingwood Township, Hunterdon County (Block 6, Lot 17; Survey Code HU-0317). According to the reconnaissance-level survey form, the Gothic Revival-style house was built c.1850, and the property includes multiple mid-twentieth century outbuildings. An intensive-level survey is needed to document the buildings in the complex and determine their eligibility under Criterion C, and historical research is needed to determine whether the property has significance under Criteria A or B.
- Hoagland Farmstead, 1451 State Highway 179, West Amwell Township, Hunterdon County (Block 3, Lot 15; Survey Code HU-0330). According to the survey, the stone house was built in three sections, the earliest dating to c.1807. The property includes a contemporary barn and numerous outbuildings dating from the mid-nineteenth to the mid-twentieth centuries. Additional documentation is required in the intensive-level survey to document the buildings in the complex and determine their eligibility under Criterion C, and historical research is needed to determine whether the property has significance under Criteria A or B.

The HPO disagrees with the recommendation that the following resources do not require an intensive-level survey:

- 327 Milford Warren Glen Road, Holland Township, Hunterdon County (Block 24, Lot 3; Survey Code HU-0268).
- 177 Gallmeier Road, Alexandria Township, Hunterdon County (Block 18, Lot 12; Survey Code HU-0316)
- 48 Spring Hill Road, Kingwood Township, Hunterdon County (Block 12, Lot 32; Survey Code HU-0318)

- 60 Sanford Road, Delaware Township, Hunterdon County (Block 19, Lot 21; Survey Code HU-0322)
- 56 Lambertville Headquarters Road, Delaware Township, Hunterdon County (Block 62, Lot 12.01; Survey Code HU-0333)
- 1431 State Highway 179, West Amwell Township, Hunterdon County (Block 5, Lot 24.01; Survey Code HU-0286)

All of the above-mentioned properties contain primary dwellings dating from the early to mid-nineteenth century, and most contain farm outbuildings more than 50 years of age. The architectural integrity of the main houses varies from moderate to low, which suggests a relatively low likelihood of National Register eligibility under Criterion C. However, the age of the buildings and their locations within larger farm complexes suggests potential eligibility under Criterion A for associations with historic events at the local level, particularly within the context of the history of agriculture in Hunterdon County. Further, additional research may reveal significant associations with individuals important in history and therefore potential significance under Criterion B. As a result, intensive-level survey is required for all of these properties.

Additional Comments

The HPO notes that the photographs of the property at 48 Spring Hill Road in Kingwood Township (Survey Code HU-0318) were taken in inclement weather. Please rephotograph the property when conditions are clear as part of the intensive-level survey effort.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the above-referenced proposed undertaking. Please reference **HPO project number 14-4462** in any future calls, emails, submissions or written correspondence to help expedite your review and response. Please feel free to contact Jennifer Leynes of my staff at 609-984-6016 with any questions.

Sincerely,



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