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May 4, 2018

Ms. Rosemary Chiavetta, Secretary  
Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission  
Commonwealth Keystone Building  
400 North Street, Filing Room  
Harrisburg, PA 17120

**Re: Petition of Senator Dinniman for Interim Emergency Relief; Docket No. P-2018-3001453; Senator Dinniman v. Sunoco Pipeline L.P.; Docket No. C-2018-3001451**

Dear Secretary Chiavetta:

In response to the above-referenced dockets, this letter requests the return of Mariner East's current service and the completion of the current phases of the project.

The Maritime Exchange for the Delaware River and Bay is a nonprofit trade association with a mission to protect and promote Delaware River maritime commerce.

Delaware River ports are an important regional economic engine, and the petroleum industry is a key player in this positive climate. Pennsylvania has a bright economic future providing local, clean, and job-creating natural gas and requires passage of commonsense policies that will assist and not hinder continued economic development.

The Mariner East Project can only help this overall development. A concrete illustration of the project's potential is the rebirth of Delaware County's Marcus Hook as a natural gas liquids hub — a staggering example of how manufacturing can be reshaped both near and long term to benefit the community and beyond.

Because of the Mariner East Project, our region stands to reap myriad economic benefits to include:

- the development of a regional petrochemical manufacturing sector;
- an investment of more than \$600 million in the separate Mariner East and Mariner West projects providing money for circulation in the commonwealth;
- revitalization of the former Marcus Hook refinery — which would otherwise have lain idle — as a world-class processing, storage, and transport hub for substances such as propane, butane, and ethane; and
- the creation of hundreds of construction jobs to develop the Marcus Hook Industrial Complex and the restoration of permanent, good paying, quality jobs so critical to a strong and growing middle class, jobs that were lost when the Marcus Hook refining operations were idled in 2011.

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These are just a few of the reasons we respectfully request you approve the Mariner East project moving toward completion of the current phases of the project.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions at [dennis.rochford@maritimedelriv.com](mailto:dennis.rochford@maritimedelriv.com) or 215-925-2615.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dennis Rochford". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping underline that extends to the right.

Dennis Rochford  
President

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