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Rosemary Chiavetta, Secretary
Bureau of the Secretary
Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission
400 North Street, Keystone Building
Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17120

Dear Ms. Chiavetta:

Please find for your review and consideration the press release I issued immediately following the ALJ's decision on the Dinniman complaint regarding Marine East pipelines in West Whiteland.

HARRISBURG, May 24 – State Rep. Carolyn Comitta, D-Chester, released the following statement regarding a Pennsylvania judge's decision to halt operation of the Mariner East 1 pipeline in Chester County, as well as the construction of two new Mariner East pipelines.

"I'm pleased that Administrative Law Judge Elizabeth Barnes saw fit to stop construction and operations until the public's safety can be assured. As these projects have progressed, public health and safety have been my main concerns and I've advocated for the needs of residents to be put first. Today's action demonstrates that concerns many of us have raised are being taken seriously.

"In her order, Judge Barnes noted that local and state government agencies need time to create emergency evacuation and notification plans and educate the public before operations resume. The timely communication of information to community members affected by these projects has long been one of my concerns, and so I proposed legislation to create the Pipeline Safety and Communication Board to keep residents updated. House Bill 1700 is currently in the House Environmental Resources and Energy Committee.

"We've seen a record number of incidents occur along the path of the pipeline projects in Chester and Delaware counties, so this emergency action is appropriate. Community members have a right to know that their water supplies will be safe and their homes will be secure."

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Carolyn T. Comitta".

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