

Kevin McIntyre, Chair
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
888 First St., NE
Washington, DC 20426

Re: The PennEast Pipeline (Docket # CP15-558) Early Tree Clearing

Dear Chairman McIntyre and Commissioners LaFleur, Chatterjee, Powelson and Glick:

In 2016, Federal Marshals armed with automatic rifles enforced the federal order for early tree cutting for the Constitution Pipeline at the Holleran Maple Tree Grove in New Milford, PA. The maple trees were the source of Holleran Family income for generations, but they were cut down for a pipeline that was never built.

Pursuant to your issuance of the conditional Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to PennEast on January 19, 2018, the company is expected to request permission to begin tree cutting *before all permits are obtained*. Such early tree cutting will risk extensive environmental and economic damage for a pipeline that may require route changes or never be built. I urge the Commission to protect Pennsylvania and New Jersey from unnecessary environmental damage **and deny any request for tree cutting before all permits are obtained**. To do otherwise is to disregard potential environmental damage that could be avoided.

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