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The Honorable Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary  
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission  
888 First Street, NE  
Washington, DC 20426

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**RE: Transcontinental Gas Pipeline Company LLC (CP19-494-000)**

On behalf of the Pennsylvania Chamber of Business and Industry, the largest, broad-based business advocacy organization in the Commonwealth, I am writing in support of Transcontinental Gas Pipeline Company's application for a certificate of public convenience for the Leidy South Project (CP19-494). This project will add greatly needed natural gas capacity to the state and region's transmission network and deliver an additional 582 million cubic feet of natural gas to homes and businesses in the region, through the deployment of a commitment of \$500 million of private capital. This project will net Pennsylvania an increase in \$100 million of economic activity and support 680 jobs during construction, according to an economic analysis on the project conducted by researchers at Econsult Solutions.

The construction and operation of this project will continue to afford continued improvements in local and regional air quality thanks to the delivery and use of domestically produced natural gas. As the project's Environmental Assessment notes, the construction and operation of the project "would not constitute a major federal action significantly affecting the quality of the environment." Further, the assessment includes a staff recommendation that the "Commission Order containing finding of no significant impact[.]"

It is important to note that this project will in part provide for a substantial increase in the supply of natural gas to support power generation facilities in the region. The increased use of natural gas can also Ozone Transport Region, which includes Pennsylvania in progressing towards attainment and maintenance of federal National Ambient Air Quality Standards – which has been a challenge in past years given interstate transport issues. Improved air quality and attainment of NAAQS standards yields not just improved public health benefits, but increased economic opportunity as well, as attainment with NAAQS means a more welcoming regulatory environment for new and expanded manufacturing and investment.

Various regulators at the state, regional and national level, including the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, have already determined construction of infrastructure projects such as this can occur with minimal impact to the environment. In addition, the pipeline will provide substantial economic benefits throughout the energy supply chain by supporting continued exploration and production in Pennsylvania's rural counties; the substantial purchasing of goods and labor by the company during construction; and the availability of a reliable, low-cost, clean-burning fuel for consumers and manufacturers at the end points of delivery. The increased production and use of natural gas has been projected to deliver an additional 100,000 jobs to Pennsylvania, per the recent "Forge the Future" econometric analysis.

In closing, additional natural gas pipeline infrastructure buildout and use means a net improvement for the economy and environment. We urge the Commission to conduct a thorough but timely review of the application and, after consideration of relevant comments, issue a certificate of public convenience so that this project can move forward.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Gene Barr". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a prominent initial "G" and a long, sweeping tail.

Gene Barr  
President & CEO