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The Honorable Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary  
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission  
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**RE: Transcontinental Gas Pipeline Company LLC Pre-Filing Request for the Regional Energy Access Expansion Project (PF20-3)**

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 pre-filing request for the Regional Energy Access Expansion Project under docket PF20-3. This project will add greatly needed natural gas capacity to the state and region's transmission network, continue the significant improvement in air quality achieved in the region, support the local economy and bolster the region and nation's energy security and competitiveness. These written comments supplement oral testimony delivered at FERC's scoping meeting for this matter, held virtually on August 18.

It is our understanding this project, once operational, will increase natural gas capacity in the transmission network equivalent to the annual demand of three million homes. 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.

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 assist in securing improvements in the Ozone Transport Region, which includes Pennsylvania. Progressing towards attainment and maintenance of federal National Ambient Air Quality Standards 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. As this country looks to recover from the pandemic and enhance resiliency of supply chains, it is vital that the region be in attainment of NAAQS so as to accommodate an expansion of manufacturing firms. Further, recent events in California demonstrate the need for a robust and reliable energy delivery system.

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, while we understand an economic analysis of the project is forthcoming, we can expect 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.

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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, move forward with approval for this important project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Gene Barr". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Gene" being more prominent than the last name "Barr".

Gene Barr  
President & CEO