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Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission
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Re: PUC Docket No. A-2016-2575829
Application of Laurel Pipeline, L.P.

Dear Chairman Brown:

I write to share my concerns with Buckeye Partners' proposal to reverse the flow on their Laurel Pipeline. This pipeline is the Commonwealth's only avenue to ship fuel from refineries in the southeast to sizable fuel markets in the western region of the state.

The Laurel Pipeline is crucial to maintaining affordable fuel prices and refinery jobs in the Commonwealth because it is the only connection between refineries in the southeast and retailers in the greater Pittsburgh area. The proposed reversal will force fuel retailers in the Pittsburgh area to use refineries outside the state. While this will not only impact refinery jobs in Pennsylvania, it will limit competition, risking higher fuel prices across the state.

Given the negative implications of restricting refineries' ability to move its product to market, I ask that the Buckeye Partners' proposal be brought before an administrative law judge for further review. Thank you for your careful consideration to this matter.

Sincerely,

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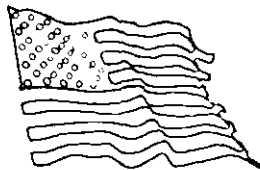
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