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September 27, 2017

The Honorable Gladys Brown, Chair
Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission
400 North Street, 3rd Floor, Keystone Building
Harrisburg, PA 17120

Dear Chairwoman Brown,

Please accept this correspondence as an indication of our support for the application filed by Laurel Pipe Line Co., L.P., a subsidiary of Buckeye Partners, L.P., to partially reverse the Laurel Pipe Line between Altoona, Blair County, and Pittsburgh.

The reversal of the direction of flow on Laurel would allow eastward flows of gasoline and diesel fuel from the Midwest to the Altoona area. The remainder of the line would continue to flow westward.

The current market forces are driving a need to reverse flow on the line for greater quantities of lower-cost, domestic fuel from American refineries that can reach more consumers, small businesses, and manufactures in the Commonwealth. Enabling market efficiencies benefits all Pennsylvanians. The new supplies are the product of America's energy revolution which has unlocked opportunities to make our nation more secure and energy independent.

This project could bring lower fuel prices to all of Pennsylvania by reducing the need to import gasoline from overseas. In addition, this reversal could reduce traffic around our state due to a decreased need to transport fuel by truck because pipelines are proven to be a safer method for transporting fuel.

Thank you for your consideration of this request. Please feel free to contact us if you need any additional information.

Sincerely,

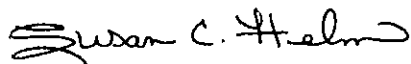
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