PENNSYLVANIA PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION HARRISBURG, PENNSYLVANIA 17120

Petition of the Bureau of Investigation and Enforcement of the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission for the Issuance of an Ex Parte Emergency Order.

Public Meeting held May 3, 2018 3000281-LAW Docket No. P-2018-3000281

STATEMENT OF CHAIRMAN GLADYS M. BROWN

On March 7, 2018, the Commission granted the Bureau of Investigation and Enforcement's *Ex Parte* Emergency Order requesting immediate suspension of Sunoco Pipeline's Mariner East 1 pipeline due to public safety concerns raised by the development of sinkholes along the pipeline's route in the vicinity of Lisa Drive, West Whiteland Township. Before us for consideration is Sunoco's Petition to lift that suspension and BI&E's Statement concurring with Sunoco's request.

First, I wish to state that this proceeding is not an ordinary event for this Commission. Therefore, I did not take the action of suspending the pipeline lightly, and I take today's action even more seriously. We explained in the *Ex Parte* Emergency Order the corrective actions that Sunoco would have to undertake to resume service. Sunoco has implemented those corrective actions, BI&E has reviewed Sunoco's remedial efforts extensively and is satisfied that the pipeline can resume operation safely. Because the directives of the Emergency Order have been met, I will vote to grant Sunoco's Petition.

Numerous individuals and organizations filed interventions at this docket. I thank these concerned individuals and organizations for actively attempting to inform the Commission on the vital topic of pipeline safety. However, I must point out that this *Ex Parte* Emergency Order focused on the specific public safety event occurring on Lisa Drive. Because the Parties tasked with carrying out the directives of the March 7th Emergency Order have satisfied the conditions of that Order, all petitions to intervene are now rendered moot. While the specific concerns outlined in the Commission's Emergency Order have been remedied, there are still legal vehicles for concerned citizens and entities to have their voices heard. The individuals and organizations who attempted to intervene in this proceeding may file their own formal complaint or intervene in an existing complaint which relates to their concerns.

May 3, 2018 Date

Gladys M. Brown, Chairman