

January 15, 2019

Ms. Rosemary Chiavetta, Secretary  
Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission  
Commonwealth Keystone Building  
400 North Street, Second Room  
Harrisburg, PA 17120

RE: Meghan Flynn, et al. v. Sunoco Pipeline L.P.  
FLYNN FORMAL COMPLAINT AND PETITION  
Complaint No. C-2018-3006116  
Docket No. P-2018-3006117

Secretary Chiavetta,

In reference to Complaint No. C-2018-3006116 Meghan Flynn, et al. v. Sunoco Pipeline L.P., I respectfully submit the following comments as an impacted resident.

I live in Upper Providence Township, Delaware County. While the Mariner pipelines do not traverse my township, I spend much of my time, working, driving, and attending activities with my children in areas directly on top of, alongside, and adjacent to the pipelines.

For example, we attend children's parties and activities at the Rocky Run YMCA, just 1100 feet from the pipelines. We frequently visit Linvilla Orchards where the children's playground is just 700 feet from the pipelines, and where we feed the animals and ducks at approximately 400 feet. Twice a week on my way to and from after school activities, I cross the pipelines multiple times with 2-3 children in my car. I frequently drive alongside the pipelines up Route 352 in Delaware County and further north into Chester County. Despite the fact that I do not own an easement, this pipeline and its risks are a part of our everyday lives.

Several recent risk assessments demonstrated that a potential blast impact from a leak with explosion on these pipelines could extend a half a mile or more. In a worst case catastrophic scenario, the impact could be up to a mile. The level of potential for catastrophic levels of death and injury is so high that it is wholly unacceptable at any level of probability. However, the likelihood of such an incident occurring is compounded by Sunoco/ ETP/ ET's horrific record of leaks, ruptures, and spills and by the age of the nearly 90 year old repurposed 8" Mariner East 1, and 12' workarround pipeline falsely marketed as Mariner East 2. The fact that sections of 16", 20", and 12" pipelines have been cobbled together to form one hybrid pipeline also puts the public at greater risk. Integrity issues abound across the 350 mile span of pipeline, while state agencies play hot potato with who has the jurisdiction or obligation to protect the public.

If the pipeline were to leak while I was traveling in the car or with my children at activities, I don't know how I would be notified. Because I do not have an easement or live within a certain proximity of the pipeline, I have never received any communication from the operator as to how I would be notified of a leak. In the event that I somehow became aware of a leak, I don't know what the proper protocol would be to evacuate myself and my children. If a rupture were to occur while we were in close proximity to the pipelines, it's not clear to me that evacuation would even be feasible. Sunoco's generic direction to run half a mile uphill upwind is impractical and impossible in many locations.

The generic direction is also not practicable for large dense populations. Unlike a house fire, where residents need only to evacuate to the street, a pipeline leak or explosion would necessitate evacuation to a safe area, and it is unclear what constitutes a safe distance, or how to move large vulnerable populations such as seniors or small children without the use of vehicles. This concerns me greatly for times when my children are not with me, but rather with their peers and teachers or coaches, on class trips or other large group activities.

Therefore, I am writing to express my full support for the petition and complaint of the 7 residents of Delaware and Chester Counties. I write to ask the Pennsylvania Public Utilities Commission to uphold your duty to ensure safe and reliable service and protect the public interest. I urge the PUC to halt operation of Mariner East 1 and the workaround pipeline currently referred to as Mariner East 2, and any further construction on the Mariner East pipelines until such a time as the commission has had the opportunity to thoroughly review Sunoco's public awareness plan *and* determine if such a plan is credible, feasible, and appropriate to protect vulnerable populations.

Thank you,

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