



Pennsylvania Manufacturers' Association

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Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
888 First Street, NE
Washington, DC 20426

RE: Appalachian Reliability Project – Docket No. CP25-528-000

Dear Commissioners:

On behalf of the Pennsylvania Manufacturers' Association (PMA), I write in strong support of Eastern Gas Transmission and Storage's (EGTS) proposed Appalachian Reliability Project (ARP), filed under Docket No. CP25-528-000.

The Pennsylvania Manufacturers' Association (PMA) is the nonprofit, statewide trade organization representing the manufacturing sector in the state's public policy process. Manufacturing directly employs 560,000 Pennsylvanians on the plant floor, sustaining millions of additional jobs in supporting industries, and generating more than \$111 billion in gross state product. PMA's mission is to improve Pennsylvania's economic competitiveness by advancing pro-growth public policies that reduce the baseline costs of creating and keeping jobs in our commonwealth.

Expanding critical infrastructure through projects like the ARP will strengthen energy reliability and capacity across Pennsylvania and the surrounding region, directly benefiting manufacturers, communities, and consumers. Moreover, our members depend on a secure, affordable, and efficient energy supply to power facilities, support growth, and compete in an increasingly global marketplace. This needed project directly supports these needs.

By expanding capacity by 550,000 dekatherms per day and modernizing existing infrastructure in Armstrong, Greene, and Westmoreland Counties, the ARP will alleviate system constraints, enhance operational reliability, and improve energy delivery throughout the region. These benefits will ripple through the manufacturing supply chain, enabling businesses to plan and invest with confidence in Pennsylvania.

Equally important is EGTS's proven track record of operating with integrity, environmental responsibility, and a firm commitment to public safety. The ARP has been thoughtfully designed to minimize new environmental impacts by leveraging existing facilities and rights-of-way. The project includes comprehensive measures to protect land, water, and air quality while enhancing the reliability of critical natural gas infrastructure that serves power plants, local utilities, and industrial users.

We urge the Commission to act expeditiously to approve the ARP. This project will strengthen the backbone of Pennsylvania's energy infrastructure and support long-term economic and industrial development throughout Pennsylvania and the Appalachian region.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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David N. Taylor
President & CEO

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Carl A. Marrara
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