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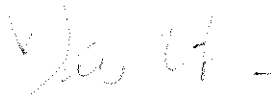
**Re: Rose Valley Borough Resolution of Concern Regarding Hazardous Liquids
Pipeline Projects**

Dear Secretary McDonnell:

Rose Valley Borough Council has recently adopted the enclosed Resolution No. 14-2016 expressing grave concern about the proposed high pressure hazardous liquids pipeline projects, which have the potential to jeopardize the health, safety and welfare of our residents. Please give it your consideration.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,


David Firm
Vice President, Rose Valley Borough Council

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DEPARTMENT OF
ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

A RESOLUTION BY THE ROSE VALLEY BOROUGH COUNCIL ADDRESSED TO THE GOVERNOR OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA, THE SECRETARY OF THE PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION (PADEP), THE COMMISSIONERS OF THE PENNSYLVANIA PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION AND THE DELAWARE COUNTY COUNCIL EXPRESSING GRAVE CONCERN ABOUT THE PROPOSED HIGH PRESSURE HAZARDOUS LIQUIDS PIPELINE PROJECTS WHICH HAVE THE POTENTIAL TO JEOPARDIZE THE HEALTH, SAFETY, AND WELFARE OF ROSE VALLEY RESIDENTS.

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Resolution No. 14-2016

WHEREAS, Sunoco Pipeline, L. P. (Sunoco) has proposed the construction of pipeline (Mariner East 2) to transport hazardous, highly volatile liquids under high pressure through Delaware County; and

WHEREAS, these materials, proposed to be transported through Delaware County by Sunoco, would create, if released, gaseous, invisible, odorless, asphyxiating, heavier than air and highly flammable discharges; and

WHEREAS, a leak of these hazardous liquids in Delaware County has the potential to jeopardize the health and safety of Rose Valley Borough residents who reside, work, shop, and attend school in close proximity to the pipeline, and an accidental leak in neighboring municipalities could force the evacuation of Rose Valley Borough, located just 1.36 miles from the proposed pipeline route; and

WHEREAS, the current, pipeline operations were not fully vetted and assessed by the local community with regard to the potential to jeopardize public safety in Delaware County by pipeline leaks, explosions or fire; and

WHEREAS, controversy exists over whether the Mariner East 2 pipeline is currently misclassified for regulatory purposes (at the federal level) as a liquids pipeline because the contents, under varying pressures, transition between both gaseous and liquid states, and in the event of a leak, revert entirely back to a gaseous state. If misclassified, such misclassification may create a significant gap in the application and relevance of important public safety regulations and requirements; and

WHEREAS, the proposed pipeline route transects the Chester, Ridley, and Crum Creek watersheds (noting that the Ridley Creek watershed is the source of Rose Valley Borough's drinking water), which could put Rose Valley Borough's high quality drinking water at risk of contamination during both construction and operation of the proposed pipeline; and

WHEREAS, Pennsylvania municipalities have the right to intervene in the PADEP permitting process for the proposed Sunoco Mariner East 2 pipeline project pursuant to Council's legally prescribed obligation to protect the health, safety, and welfare of Borough residents.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Borough of Rose Valley that:

Section 1. The Rose Valley Borough Council requests that the Governor of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and the Secretary of PADEP allow for an open comment period of no less than 60 days upon the resubmission of the Sunoco Mariner East 2 permit application to PADEP, and further requests another public hearing to be held in Delaware County to address the public health, safety, and water contamination concerns of the Delaware County municipalities.

Section 2. The Rose Valley Borough Council strongly urges the Governor and the regulatory agencies of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania to critically evaluate the appropriateness of the classification of the proposed Sunoco Mariner East 2 pipeline as a liquids pipeline. Rose Valley Borough Council further requests the development of a comprehensive independent risk assessment study of all of Delaware County, including Rose Valley Borough, as well as the development of an incident response plan commensurate with the effects of a pipeline leak or break.

Section 3. Rose Valley Borough reserves the right to intervene as an interested party in all proceedings before any and all county, state, or federal, courts, as well as to intervene in any and all proceedings before other regulatory agencies involved in the approval of the pipeline and other facilities that could increase the shipment of hazardous liquids through Delaware County in close proximity to Rose Valley Borough.

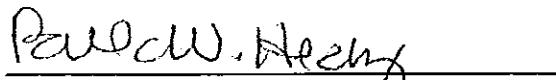
RESOLVED by the Council of the Borough of Rose Valley this 14th day of December, 2016.

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By: 
William C. Hale, President

Approved this 14th day of Dec., 2016. Attested this 14th day of Dec., 2016.


Thomas F. Plummer, Mayor


Paula W. Healy, Secretary