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Ms. Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary  
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission  
888 First Street NE, Room 1A  
Washington, DC 20426

Re: Docket Number CP11-515-000 – Millennium Pipeline Company, LLC Minisink Compressor Project

Dear Ms. Bose:

The Department received a copy of the notification dated December 22, 2011, that FERC staff is considering an alternative compressor station site along the Millennium pipeline. According to the notice, the alternative site would be near the Wagoner Metering Station. The notice also indicated that the alternative site would include the replacement of 7.2 miles of pipeline along the existing Millennium pipeline right-of-way.

Millennium's proposed compressor station site in Minisink is located in an area that appears to be used for agricultural production. Construction of the compressor station at the proposed site would result in the permanent conversion of land to nonagricultural use. The alternative site appears to be in a nonagricultural area and would not result in the permanent loss of agricultural land. The Department recommends selection of the alternative site for the compressor station.

Millennium's existing right-of-way between the Huguenot Metering Station and the Westtown Metering Station includes several areas that appear to be used for agricultural production. As a result, the replacement of 7.2 miles of pipeline along the right-of-way would impact agricultural resources. The Department recommends Millennium be required to follow our guidelines for pipeline construction in agricultural areas (see attached copy) to minimize the impacts.

The Department appreciates the opportunity to provide comments on this proposed project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Matthew J. Brower".

Matthew J. Brower  
Agricultural Resource Specialist