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Dear Comments,

I oppose the Commission's proposal that effectively bans natural gas development in the Delaware River Basin region.

At all levels of government, our nation's public policies must be based on evidence, science, and necessity. The energy industry must not allow a vocal activist minority to block the nation's energy development because of erroneous fears.

The evidence clearly indicates that hydraulic fracturing is safe and effective. Using these techniques, the U.S. has become the largest producer of oil and natural gas in the world. New levels of American energy development have helped our nation recover from recession and increased our energy security from when we relied predominantly on overseas fuel suppliers.

Increased supplies of domestic natural gas have helped keep heating and electricity affordable. Low energy prices also spur business growth and job creation. The DRBC's proposed rule, however, will set a bad precedent of limiting U.S. energy development, resulting in higher consumer and commercial energy costs nationwide.

Please remember that increased natural gas access in the U.S. has helped lower our nation's carbon emissions. We lead all industrialized nations in carbon emission reduction, because of natural gas availed by hydraulic fracturing.

The DRBC's proposed rule will take our nation in the wrong direction. Recognizing the strong safety record of energy development, the federal government has rightly begun to eliminate unnecessary regulations. The DBRC should follow this lead and not impose new, unneeded restrictions.

I propose that the Commission withdraw its new draft rule, subject to revision to support, not impede, American energy development. Thank you for considering my views in your review of this issue.

Sincerely,  
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