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Ms. Carol Collier, Executive Director Delaware River Basin Commission 25 State Police Drive Post Office Box 7360 West Trenton, New Jersey 08628-0360

Dear Ms. Collier: Carel

The Board of Commissioners of Bucks County has asked me to contact you about the draft Natural Gas Development Regulations that are under public review until March 16, 2011.

Because of the interest this has generated among our residents, local governments, and nonprofit organizations, we are joining others in asking that you extend the public comment period by an additional 60 days. We appreciate the work of your staff in holding public hearings and making available fact sheets and presentations to help the public gain understanding of the proposed rules. The full 83-page document contains much information and cross-references to other rules. The final public hearing in Trenton was the only such meeting in the Bucks County area. By allowing additional time after this hearing, the Commission may afford others the opportunity to make informed comments. We also note that recent rules for comment submission require that they be written and submitted via mail, rather than by e-mail or fax, making extra time even more important.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

Lynn f. Bush Chief County Clerk County of Bucks