February 1, 2018

The Honorable Tom Wolf
Governor of Pennsylvania
Chair, Delaware River Basin Commission
Office of the Governor
508 Main Capitol Building
Harrisburg, PA 17120

RE: Natural Gas Development Activities within the Delaware River Basin

Dear Governor Wolf:

I write to you today concerning a resolution adopted at the September 13, 2017 meeting of the Delaware River Basin Commission ("DRBC") authorizing the Executive Director to publish for public comment revised draft regulations regarding natural gas development activities within the Delaware River Basin. My team and I have been closely monitoring the important work of the DRBC since long before taking office, and were disheartened by New Jersey’s abstention on the vote considering the Resolution. Let me be clear, New Jersey supports a ban on fracking and the Commission’s efforts to drive this policy through these draft regulations.

My administration is resolute in our commitment to protecting the environment and natural resources of the Delaware River Basin, and we will not allow dangerous exploratory activities to put them at risk. We stand with you and our sister states New York and Delaware in our responsibility to protect the Delaware River Basin.

Moving forward, you can trust that my representative to the DRBC will exercise that authority with these priorities in mind. My team will closely review the draft amendments and any public comments that are received before the Commission considers final adoption of these changes.

I very much look forward to working with you and the other DRBC Commissioners on the issues facing our region.

My very best,

Philip D. Murphy
Governor

cc: The Honorable Andrew Cuomo
The Honorable John Carney
Brigadier General William H. Graham
Steve Tambini, Executive Director, DRBC