

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515-3810

March 1, 2011

Delaware River Basin Commission
25 State Police Drive
P.O. Box 7360
West Trenton, NJ 08628-0360

Dear Commission Members,

It is my understanding that the Delaware River Basin Commission (DRBC) may soon consider extending the comment period on draft natural gas development regulations.

The draft regulations were posted on December 9, 2010 and the public comment period is scheduled to end on March 16, 2011. On March 16, interested parties on both sides of the debate will have had close to 100 total days to review the draft regulations and provide written or oral comment. In this time, the DRBC has hosted six public hearings in Pennsylvania, New York, and New Jersey. The public hearings, the comment period, and the draft regulations have been well publicized and I am confident that any individual wishing to have his or her voice heard has had ample opportunity to do just that. I urge you to reject calls for an extension of the comment period.

I trust that the DRBC will act quickly after March 16 to carefully consider, analyze, and respond to the important points raised by all those who have commented before issuing any final regulations.

I commend the entire DRBC staff for their thoroughness in seeking and hearing comments and I hope that you will not stop the progression of the process. To put it simply, it is time to move forward and I hope you will resist any call for further delay.

I hope that you will make this letter part of the official record if a delay is formally considered by the DRBC. In the meantime, if you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,



Tom Marino
Member of Congress

176147

TOM MARINO
10TH DISTRICT, PENNSYLVANIA

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

COMMITTEE ON HOMELAND SECURITY

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN AFFAIRS

www.marino.house.gov

www.facebook.com/CongressmanMarino

www.youtube.com/RepMarino

<http://twitter.com/RepTomMarino>



Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515-3810

April 12, 2011

WASHINGTON OFFICE:

410 CANNON HOUSE OFFICE BUILDING
WASHINGTON, DC 20515
(202) 225-3731

CONSTITUENT SERVICE CENTERS:

1020 COMMERCE PARK DRIVE, SUITE 1A
WILLIAMSPORT, PA 17701
(570) 322-3961

181 WEST TIOGA STREET, SUITE 2
TUNKHANNOCK, PA 18657
(570) 836-8020

106 ARCH STREET
SUNBURY, PA 17801
(570) 988-7801

2011 APR 18 P 1:17
RECEIVED/DELAWARE RIVER
BASIN COMMISSION

Delaware River Basin Commission
25 State Police Drive
P.O. Box 7360
West Trenton, NJ 08628-0360

Re: Natural Gas Development Regulations Article 7 Part III – Basin Regulations

Dear Commission Members,

The purpose of this letter is to provide my comments regarding the Natural Gas Development Regulations proposed by the Delaware River Basin Commission (DRBC).

First, it is important to recognize your hard work in crafting these regulations and your commitment to an open process. The draft regulations were posted on December 9, 2010 and the public comment period was originally set to expire on March 16. Even after six public hearings in Pennsylvania, New York, and New Jersey and nearly 100 total days for the public to review and comment on the regulations, the deadline was postponed for another month. All interested parties have been afforded ample opportunity to make their voices heard and I trust that the DRBC will carefully consider, analyze, and respond to the important points raised by all those who have commented before issuing any final regulations.

It is imperative that the progress toward final regulations continue to move forward. Many of my constituents located in the Delaware River Basin have emphasized the importance of finalizing regulations to allow responsible development to move forward.

However, one specific concern has been raised regarding section 7.5 of the draft regulation. I respectfully ask that you review this specific section while finalizing the regulation.

Again, thank you for your efforts throughout this process. Please feel free to contact me with any questions.

Respectfully,

Tom Marino

Tom Marino
Member of Congress