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Re: Delaware River Partners LLC - Repauno Port & Rail Terminal
Application for Underground Storage Cavern Permit pursuant to N.J.A.C. 7:1F

Dear Mr. Moriarty;

Please accept this letter as an indication of our support for the proposed underground storage caverns at the Repauno Port & Rail Terminal in Gibbstown, Gloucester County.

For your information, the Maritime Exchange is a nonprofit trade association dedicated to promoting waterborne commerce throughout the tristate Delaware River port area. These caverns are critical to Exchange members: they assist businesses and their customers with energy access and costs while increasing economic opportunities across our region and throughout New Jersey.

You are clearly aware that America's energy needs are ever changing. Businesses and residents are currently facing skyrocketing energy costs due to inflation, uncertainty overseas, and increasing demand. As a nation, we have the opportunity—and a responsibility—to innovate to help businesses save on costs and increase efficiency.

Taking advantage of existing opportunities to alleviate these stressors is paramount. This is why Delaware River Partners (DRP) is further developing the Repauno Port & Rail Terminal, a multi-purpose port for energy products, cargo, logistics, and warehousing. Repauno is located on the Delaware River in Gibbstown, New Jersey, less than a day's drive from more than 40% of the U.S. population.

As part of the Repauno buildout, DRP has proposed safe underground storage caverns that will hold a reserve of energy sources more than 700 feet below ground. By stockpiling energy sources, Repauno will help to protect our nation in the event of supply shortages, not unlikely in the current environment. Further, given that inflation is now at its worst since the 1980s, we must bolster our energy infrastructure here at home to support to national economic security. These caverns will play a key role in fostering American energy independence and achieving long-term U.S. energy goals.

With your support, Repauno Port & Rail Terminal will continue growing as a regional energy hub that promotes energy reliability and dependability. Repauno can help our region, and the nation as a whole, meet the energy demands of today and tomorrow. It deserves your continued support.

Sean Moriarty, Esq.

June 8, 2022

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On behalf of the nearly 300 members of the Maritime Exchange for the Delaware River and Bay, thank you for supporting the expansion of underground caverns at Repauno as safe way to protect consumers, businesses, and the region in these uncertain times.

Sincerely,



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