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## Pennsylvania Fish & Boat Commisison Species Impact Review – May 5, 2015



## Pennsylvania Fish & Boat Commission

**Division of Environmental Services** Natural Gas Section

450 Robinson Lane Bellefonte, PA 16823

May 5, 2015

IN REPLY REFER TO

SIR# 44239

TRC Environmental Zack Lissard 650 Suffolk Street Lowell, Massachusetts 01854

RE: Species Impact Review (SIR) - Rare, Candidate, Threatened and Endangered Species

PNDI Search No. Rover Pipeline Project.

**WASHINGTON County: Hanover Township, Smith Township** 

Dear Zack Lissard:

This responds to your inquiry about a Pennsylvania Natural Diversity Inventory (PNDI) Internet Database search "potential conflict" or a threatened and endangered species impact review. These projects are screened for potential conflicts with rare, candidate, threatened or endangered species under Pennsylvania Fish & Boat Commission jurisdiction (fish, reptiles, amphibians, aquatic invertebrates only) using the Pennsylvania Natural Diversity Inventory (PNDI) database and our own files. These species of special concern are listed under the Endangered Species Act of 1973, the Wild Resource Conservation Act, and the Pennsylvania Fish & Boat Code (Chapter 75), or the Wildlife Code.

Except for occasional transient species, rare, candidate, threatened or endangered species under our jurisdiction are not known to exist in the vicinity of the project area. Therefore, no biological assessment including mussel surveys or further consultation regarding rare species is needed with the Commission. Should project plans change, or if additional information on listed or proposed species becomes available, this determination may be reconsidered.

This response represents the most up-to-date summary of the PNDI data and our files and is valid for two (2) years from the date of this letter. An absence of recorded species information does not necessarily imply species absence. Our data files and the PNDI system are continuously being updated with species occurrence information. Should project plans change or additional information on listed or proposed species become available, this determination may be reconsidered, and consultation shall be reinitiated.

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If you have any questions regarding this review, please contact Gary Smith at 814-279-3080 and refer to the SIR # 44239. Thank you for your cooperation and attention to this important matter of species conservation and habitat protection.

Sincerely,

Heather A. Smiles, Chief Natural Gas Section

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