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**Comments: Mr. Nicholas Yingst/Annville Township Board of Commissioners**

**Mr. Nicholas Yingst, Annville Township (Lebanon County, Pennsylvania) manager, contacted me on behalf of the township's Board of Commissioners to express concerns pertaining to the placement of the Atlantic Sunrise Natural Gas Pipeline project. I have enclosed Mr. Yingst correspondence describing these concerns in further detail as well as the Board's formal Resolution about the matter. Please review and respond. Thank you for your time and assistance.**

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February 6, 2015

The Honorable Charles W. Dent  
United States House of Representatives  
District Office  
342 West Main Street, First Floor  
Anville, PA 17003

**RE: Transcontinental Gas Pipeline  
Company, LLC, Docket No. PF14-8**

Dear Mr. Dent:

This correspondence is in regard to the Atlantic Sunrise Expansion Project, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) Docket No. PF14-8. This project's currently proposed natural gas pipeline route would cross property owned by Anville Township and on which is located the municipal wastewater treatment facility, as well as property in Anville Township on which a high density residential development exists and for which plans have been submitted by the property owner for further residential development. On February 2, 2015, after repeated entreaties from Anville Township residents concerned with preserving existing and planned development within the municipality, as well as preserving the infrastructure of the Township's wastewater treatment plant, the Anville Township Board of Commissioners adopted Resolution No. 20150202-001. This resolution is enclosed and, as Secretary to the Board of Commissioners, I attest this to be a true and correct original of Resolution No. 20150202-001. I ask that you forward a copy of this resolution to FERC, as well as to any agencies, departments, or entities within the federal or state government for which you think it would be appropriate and beneficial.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me, and thank you for any cooperation or assistance that you may be able to provide to Anville Township and its residents on this issue.

Sincerely,

  
Nicholas T. Yingst  
Anville Township Administrator

Enclosure

**RESOLUTION NO. 20150202-001**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF  
THE TOWNSHIP OF ANNVILLE, LEBANON COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA,  
OPPOSING THE CURRENTLY PROPOSED ROUTE OF  
THE ATLANTIC SUNRISE NATURAL GAS PIPELINE EXPANSION PROJECT AND  
REQUESTING THAT THE FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION  
(FERC) DISAPPROVE THE LOCATION OF ANY PORTION OF THE PIPELINE  
WITHIN THE TOWNSHIP OF ANNVILLE (HEREAFTER "TOWNSHIP") OR  
ON PROPERTY OWNED BY THE TOWNSHIP**

**WHEREAS**, the residents of the Township have an abiding interest in the environmental well-being of the Township, its vital public infrastructure, its irreplaceable natural resources, and their quality of life; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township in recent years has committed more than \$13 million to the upgrade of the Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP) on land owned by the Township but located in North Annville Township, which the Township considers and which in fact is vital public infrastructure; and

**WHEREAS**, the Atlantic Sunrise Natural Gas Pipeline route proposed by Williams Partners, LP crosses the property on which the Township's WWTP is located; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township has formally requested of FERC that the proposed Atlantic Sunrise project avoid the Township's WWTP property; and

**WHEREAS**, the Atlantic Sunrise Natural Gas Pipeline route proposed by Williams Partners, LP crosses the property commonly known as Stone Hill Village; and

**WHEREAS**, Stone Hill Village is comprised of existing residential homes; and

**WHEREAS**, the owners of Stone Hill Village have submitted land development plans for future residential development on its property that is yet to be developed; and

**WHEREAS**, the owners of Stone Hill Village have requested of the Township that the pipeline not cross their property because doing so would impact its current residents and prevent the planned growth and expansion of Stone Hill Village; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township has a clear and abiding interest in protecting health, safety, and property rights of the residents of the Township and in ensuring the viability of the future tax base of the Township; and

**WHEREAS**, the Atlantic Sunrise Natural Gas Pipeline Expansion Project as detailed by Williams Partners, LP, could jeopardize vital public infrastructure in the Township, the future tax base of the Township, and the health and safety of the residents of the Township.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, AND IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED** by the Board of Commissioners of the Township of Annville, Lebanon County, Pennsylvania, as follows:

**Section 1.** The foregoing recitals are incorporated in this Resolution by reference and made a substantive part thereof.

**Section 2.** The Board of Commissioners urges FERC to disapprove of the siting of any section of the Atlantic Sunrise Natural Gas Pipeline Expansion Project within the Township or on the property owned by the Township on which is located the Township's Wastewater Treatment Plant.

**Section 3.** If any portion of the Atlantic Sunrise Natural Gas Pipeline is permitted by FERC to be located within the Township or on property owned by the Township, the Township urges that:

- (a) Regarding the location of the pipeline:
- (i) The pipeline should not be located within or adjacent to any residential development, either existing or planned, and as far as practicable from any such existing or planned residential development; and
  - (ii) The pipeline should be located as far as is practicable from Township vital infrastructure, in particular the Township's Wastewater Treatment Plant.
- (b) FERC shall require Transcontinental Gas Pipeline Company, LLC ("Transco"), a subsidiary of Williams Partners, LP ("Williams"), to continuously:
- (i) Cause the minimal disruption of private property, natural resources, public roads, and vital public infrastructure including the Township's Wastewater Treatment Plant;
  - (ii) Demonstrate and document compliance with the highest level of safety standards, quality of materials, and methods of construction;
  - (iii) Treat the property of all Township landowners with respect and provide fair and just compensation for any property affected by the actions of Transco, Williams, and their employees, agents, and contractors and by the location of the pipeline;
  - (iv) Provide training to volunteer firefighters and other emergency management agencies regarding any possible hazards and disasters which may arise from the siting, construction, operation, maintenance, repair, and replacement of the gas pipeline; and
  - (v) Comply with all stormwater management laws, rules, and regulations and prevent any adverse impact upon the Township's and the County's watercourses and the Chesapeake Bay Watershed.

(c) FERC shall:

- (i) Create an exclusionary zone of suitable size surrounding the Township's Wastewater Treatment Plant and related facilities; however, the creation of this exclusionary zone around the Township's Wastewater Treatment Plant and related facilities shall not be construed to allow for the placement of the pipeline anywhere within Annville Township, which this resolution explicitly urges against in Sections 2 and 3; and
- (ii) Require Transcontinental Gas Pipeline Company, LLC ("Transco"), a subsidiary of Williams Partners, LP ("Williams"), to adopt and meet construction specifications for that portion of the pipeline which is within one quarter mile of the Township's Wastewater Treatment Plant which will, to the greatest extent practicable from an engineering best practices standard, protect the Township's Wastewater Treatment Plant from any malfunction of the pipeline, including but not necessarily limited to a leak or an explosion, and to present to the Township, at least 60 days prior to the start of construction of the pipeline, the specific construction specifications adopted and to be met to protect the Township's Wastewater Treatment Plant from any malfunction of the pipeline.

**Section 4.** The Township Administrator is directed to provide U.S. Congressman Charlie Dent with a certified copy of this resolution and request that Congressman Dent immediately deliver these documents directly to the FERC Commissioners.


**Section 5.** In the event any provision, section, sentence, clause, or part of this Resolution shall be held to be invalid, illegal or unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, such invalidity, illegality or unconstitutionality shall not affect or impair the remaining provisions, sections, sentences, clauses, or parts of this Resolution, it being the intent of the Board of Commissioners that the remainder of the Resolution shall be and shall remain in full force and effect.

**Section 6.** This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

**DULY ADOPTED THIS** second day of February, 2015, by the Board of Commissioners of the Township of Annville, Lebanon County, Pennsylvania, in lawful session duly assembled.

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Rex A. Moore, President

Attest:   
Nicholas T. Yingst, Secretary

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