

**DALLAS TOWNSHIP, PA
LUZERNE COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA**

RESOLUTION #2015- 5

IN OPPOSITION OF

20150127-5220 FERC Docket #13-177-2015-208-11-11
**PROPOSED ATLANTIC SUNRISE PIPELINE
IN THE TOWNSHIP OF Dallas, PA**

WHEREAS, Transcontinental Gas Pipeline Company, LLC, a subsidiary of Williams Company, Inc., is proposing the Atlantic Sunrise Pipeline. The 177.3 miles of new 30-42 inch diameter pipeline will include construction in Pennsylvania, Virginia, Maryland, North Carolina, and South Carolina; and

WHEREAS, The proposed Project would involve construction and operation of facilities by Transcontinental Gas Pipeline Company, LLC. (Transco), a subsidiary of Williams Partners, L.P. (Williams), in Pennsylvania, Virginia, Maryland, North Carolina, and South Carolina; and

WHEREAS, The proposed Project would involve construction of 56.4 miles of 30" pipeline/the Central Penn Line North in Susquehanna, Wyoming, and Luzerne Counties in PA. The proposed construction of 122 miles of 42" pipeline/the Central Penn Line South in Columbia, Northumberland, Schuylkill, Lebanon, and Lancaster Counties in PA. The proposed construction of 5.5 miles of 36" pipeline/The Grugan Loop in Clinton County, PA. The proposed construction of 9 miles of 42" pipeline /The Unity Loop in Lycoming County, PA; and

WHEREAS, The Pipeline is planned to transport approximately 1,700,000 dkt of natural gas per day; and

WHEREAS, The Atlantic Sunrise proposed replacement of 30" pipeline in Prince William County, Virginia; and

WHEREAS, The projected project will consist of the construction of two new compressor stations, the Compressor Station 605-installation of 2 electric-driven Solar Mars 100s 15,000-horsepower compressors in Susquehanna, PA, and Compressor Station 610-installation of one electric-driven Solar Titan 250S 30,000-horsepower compressor and one electric-driven Solar Titan 130S 20,500-horsepower compressor in Columbia County, PA; and

WHEREAS, The projected project entails additional compression at: Compressor Station 520 in Lycoming County, PA (installation of one 16,000 horsepower Solar Mars 100S gas turbine), Compressor Station 517 in Columbia County, PA (installation of one 16,000-horsepower Solar Mars 100S), Compressor Station 190 in Howard County, Maryland (installation of one 25,000 horsepower electric-driven compressor); and

WHEREAS, The proposed project will allow modifications at six existing compressor stations in Virginia and North Carolina to allow bi-directional flow and/or installation of supplemental odorization, odor detection, and odor masking/deodorization equipment; and

WHEREAS, The proposed construction of the Zick Meter Station at Susquehanna, PA., the proposed construction of the Oswego Meter Station in Susquehanna, PA., the proposed construction of three regulator stations (one at MP L92.7 Lehman PA) on the Transco Leidy Line System,, (one at MP L113.8) along the Transco Leidy Line System, and (one at MP 1682.7) along the Transco Mainline System; and

WHEREAS, The proposed project entails the installation of mainline valve assemblies at multiple locations along the planned pipeline segments and installation of supplemental odorization, odor detection, and odor masking/deodorization equipment at various meter stations and valve sites in North Carolina and South Carolina.

WHEREAS, Atlantic Sunrise is in the process of finalizing negotiations with potential customers, Open Season has commenced, Transco has binding precedent agreements with nine shippers for 1,700,000 dkt/day.

WHEREAS, on July 18 2014, Transcontinental Gas Pipeline Company, LLC requested that the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission ("FERC") initiate an environmental review under the National Environmental Policy Act ("NEPA") pre-filing process; and

WHEREAS, FERC has not yet selected a third-party contractor to prepare the National Environmental Policy Act documentation; and

WHEREAS, Atlantic Sunrise intends to file its NGA Section 7(c) certificate application in March 2015. This application will request that the Commission approve the Project by May 2016 with a target in-service date of July 1, 2017.

WHEREAS, the pre-filing process and formal application process both provide opportunities for public input and intervention; and

WHEREAS, on August 4,5,6,7, 2014 Atlantic Sunrise representatives and FERC held EIS Scoping Hearings and made a public presentation to the PA residents to explain the nature of the project and its potential impact on Pennsylvania; and

WHEREAS, preliminary maps show the underground gas lines bisecting significant environmental resources, including environmentally sensitive lands, preserved open space, preserved farmland, lands protected with conservation easements, woodlands and wetlands; and

WHEREAS, the protection of natural resources and ecologically sensitive lands, such as wetlands, wildlife habitat, waterways, slopes, mature woodlands, and contiguous forests is of grave concern; and

WHEREAS, the Pipeline Project is planned to cross lands in Dallas Township that are environmentally sensitive; lands that are preserved by the expenditure of public funds, funds from foundations, non-profit organizations, individual donors, and private landowners for the use, enjoyment and permanent protection of open space; and

WHEREAS, the Pipeline Project will cause irreparable damage to these properties; and

WHEREAS Dallas Township is already burdened with the existing presence of the Transco Pipeline, a Regency Partners gathering line and a Williams Company gathering line; and

WHEREAS Dallas Township will also be subject to the cumulative effect of the proposed pipelines, the Penn East and Atlantic Sunrise, that are already before FERC for approval; and

WHEREAS Dallas Township will also be subject to the cumulative effect of the proposed, but not yet before FERC (The Marc II and the Diamond East) pipelines.

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Supervisors of the Township of Dallas, Pennsylvania that the governing body opposes the pipeline project; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Supervisors of Dallas Township are wholly committed to protecting the interests of the Township and its residents; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this resolution shall be forwarded to Governor-Elect Thomas Wolf, PA State Senator Lisa Baker, PA State Senator John Yudichak, PA State Representative Karen Boback, PA State Representative Mike Carroll, PA State Representative-Elect Aaron Kaufer, and all the affected municipalities in Luzerne, Columbia, Lancaster, Northumberland, Schuylkill, Susquehanna, and Wyoming Counties.

Date Enacted: 1-20-15

DALLAS TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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