Williams

ATLANTIC SUNRISE PROJECT

UPDATE /// SPRING 2016

FERC ISSUES DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT

The Atlantic Sunrise proposal reached a major milestone earlier this month when it received notice that the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) had issued the draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). The EIS concluded that environmental impacts would be reduced to "less than significant levels" with the implementation of proposed mitigation measures by the company and by FERC.

The draft EIS assesses the potential environmental effects of the construction and operation of the project in accordance with the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act. The FERC is the primary approval agency and serves in a coordinating role with other relevant federal and state agencies.

"This is a significant milestone for the project. We are committed to working to ensure that this project is constructed in a responsible, environmentally-sensitive manner so that we can connect consumers along the East Coast with abundant, cost-effective Pennsylvania natural gas supplies." - Atlantic Sunrise Project Director Chris Springer.

FERC ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW PROCESS

FORMAL APPLICATION FIELD WITH FERC → FERC ISSUES DRAFT EIS / OPENS COMMENT PERIOD → FERC RESPONDS TO COMMENTS / REVISES DRAFT EIS → FERC ISSUES FINAL DEIS → COMMISSION ISSUES ORDER

COMMENTING ON THE DRAFT EIS

The draft EIS is viewable on the FERC's website (www.ferc.gov) by referencing docket number CP15-138-000. Copies of the draft EIS were also mailed to federal, state and local government representatives and agencies, elected officials, environmental and public interest groups, Native American tribes, potentially affected landowners, and other interested parties.

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

- Public comments must be received by the FERC before June 27, 2016.
- The FERC will issue the final EIS on **October 21, 2016.**
- The 90-day federal authorization decision deadlineis set for **January 19, 2017.**

Any person wishing to comment on the draft EIS may do so in several ways.

File your comments electronically using the eComment or eFiling features on the Commission's website **(www.ferc.gov).**

File a paper copy of your comments by mailing them to the FERC:

Kimberly D. Bose
Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
888 First Street NE, Room 1A,
Washington, DC 20426

Comment during public FERC meetings in the project area on June 13, 14, 15 & 16.

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COMPENSATORY MITIGATION DELIVERS LOCAL ENVIRONMENTAL BENEFITS

Pipeline operators often work with state or federal permitting agencies to offset construction impacts by partnering with local environmental organizations. Through these coordinated efforts, local environmental organizations often receive financial support to fund projects and programs. These partnerships provide a unique opportunity for conservation organizations to secure the resources that are needed to complete important environmental initiatives.

For example, in 2015 Williams coordinated with the Donegal Chapter of Trout Unlimited (DTU) on a compensatory mitigation project in the Conowingo Creek Watershed in Lancaster County, PA to restore and create wetlands, streams and create a forested riparian buffer. The project, known as the Lloyd Farm Conversation Project, provided Williams with a mitigation opportunity to offset impacts of the Rock Springs Expansion, which was constructed late last year in Lancaster County and Cecil County, MD.

The Lloyd Farm Conservation Project is a $345,685 environmental improvement effort made possible through Williams' mitigation funding combined with the DTU's 319 Grant funding from the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection.

According to DTU President James Wellendorf, the restoration work at Lloyd Farm was the first time DTU had utilized mitigation funding to tackle a significant water conservation project.

"This project has broken new ground for our chapter. Throughout the entire process all parties – Williams, Pennsylvania Trout Unlimited, Trout Unlimited and Donegal Trout Unlimited – have worked together in the spirit of cooperation and doing what is right for the environment."
– James Wellendorf, DTU President

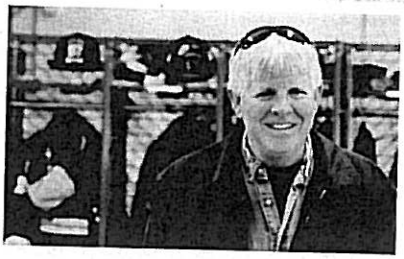
Development of the wetlands, riparian buffers, and stream restoration of Lloyd Farm Conservation Project is scheduled for completion in summer of 2016 and will be monitored by DTU and Williams during the next several years.

WHAT OTHERS ARE SAYING

Visit Facebook, Twitter **or** YouTube to see what local business leaders, public officials and representatives from charitable organizations are saying about the Atlantic Sunrise project.

Jeannie Woodruff,
Environmental Resource Management

"Williams has operated pipelines in my community for decades and has always been a good and thoughtful neighbor. They are here for the long-haul, and their pipelines provide long-term benefits."



Jeff Griffith Chief Delta,
Cardiff Volunteer Fire Department

"Over the years, Williams has become more than a company in our town. They are a community member that continually gives back and a neighbor who stands by our side."

Veto Barziloski
Sr. Owner, Bennie's Nurseries, Inc.

"We have trusted Williams with land that has been in our family for generations, and in return, Williams has respected our family legacy while building infrastructure that benefits thousands of people. We are proud to be part of something that positively affects the community and future generations in Pennsylvania."

PENNSYLVANIA REAPS GAS BENEFITS

When it comes to energy, 2015 was a good year for Pennsylvania. Marcellus Shale has led Pennsylvania to become the second largest natural gas-producing state in the nation, behind only Texas, driving the Keystone State toward recognition as an energy hub.

Lower energy prices.
Natural gas and electric customers alike are benefiting from lower energy prices. Efficient production has contributed to natural gas prices that are 38 percent lower than one year ago.

An overall healthier economy.
Not only have we seen job opportunities in the industry, but as additional pipeline infrastructure is built opportunities for in-state uses will increase.

Reduced carbon dioxide emissions.
We are using 20 times more gas to generate electricity in Pennsylvania compared to 15 years ago. Natural gas is a much cleaner-burning fuel and carbon dioxide emissions within the electric grid serving Pennsylvania, New Jersey and Maryland are down by about 23 percent since 2005.

Local consumption.
The Marcellus Shale sources the majority of the gas delivered by Pennsylvania's major gas utilities. It accounts for 90 percent of UGI's product, 85 percent of Peco's supply, 61 percent of Columbia Gas and 50 percent of Peoples Natural Gas

REGION TO BENEFIT FROM $381,000 IN COMMUNITY GRANTS

Fire departments, schools, hospitals and townships are a few of the 57 Pennsylvania organizations that will receive more than **$381,000** in funding from Williams through its bi-annual community grant program, the company announced recently.

Grants up to **$10,000** per applicant are being awarded by Williams to eligible organizations to fund projects that provide benefit to local communities where the proposed Atlantic Sunrise pipeline project would be constructed and operated.

One of the 57 recipients is the Lebanon County Firefighters Association, which plans to use its **$7,500** grant for renovating a classroom to conduct firefighter training.

"In Lebanon County, our students have been meeting in a space with no heat or air conditioning," Charles Killian, Lebanon County Firefighter's Association. We would like to create a classroom environment that can provide a high level of training so that our firefighters are well equipped for dealing with local emergencies."
- Charles Killian, Lebanon County Firefighter's Association.

Grant applications can be completed online at:
www.williams.com/atlanticsunrise

The Lebanon County Firefighters Association will use its $7,500 grant to renovate a classroom at its fire training center.

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PRELIMINARY PROJECT SCHEDULE

Spring 2014	Field surveys began FERC pre-filling process began
Late Spring 2014	Open houses and informational meetings
Summer 2014	FERC scoping meetings
Fall 2014	Draft resource reports submitted to FERC
Spring 2015	7(c) application submitted to FERC
Second-Half 2017	Target in-service

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