

Hello, my name is Ed Coker. I come here this evening as a member of Pipeliner's Local Union 798, to ask the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection to approve the Chapter 102 and 105 permits for the Atlantic Sunrise Pipeline without further delay.

Williams has a proven record for safely operating pipelines in our nation as they touch more than 30% of our natural gas supply. To continue to put this project off is costing the state of Pennsylvania jobs and increased tax revenue.

As far as the environmental impact is concerned, Williams has been a steward to the communities by investing over 2.5 million dollars in local conservation projects. They have continued to work closely with this department as well as the Forestry and Wildlife Services and have received the Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity from FERC.

This project represents a nearly \$3 billion investment which will put Pennsylvania energy and people to work. Using our nation's natural resources reduces our independence on foreign oil bought from countries who quite frankly do not like us!

In closing, I am asking this department to make an investment as well by issuing these permits and putting American workers first!

Thank you.