

My name is Ed Braukus. I am an electrician and business representative with International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local 743. We represent electrical workers who live and work here in Lancaster County. We've participated in hearings like this in the past and I feel we give the impression that we are willing to sacrifice the environment and quality of life of residents for jobs. This is simply not true. We are also outdoorsmen. We enjoy fishing, hunting, hiking, boating, and nature in general. Many of us have children that we want to enjoy the outdoors and experience Pennsylvania's streams and forests like we did.

That being said, I am here to support the Atlantic Sunrise project. Williams has operated safely in PA for decades.

They have been working with DEP for the last two years providing data needed for the permitting process.

Best-management practices will be implemented during construction to mitigate any potential impacts, and full time environmental inspectors will be employed to make sure that these practices and regulatory requirements are followed.

A quarter of this project will be constructed within existing rights of way. This will reduce the disturbance of undeveloped land.

Williams has avoided and minimized impact to wetlands through in-field routing adjustments and reducing the project limits of disturbance where possible. It is also important to note that there will be no loss of wetland acreage due to construction of this project.

Downstream impacts to resources such as the Chesapeake Bay caused by proposed water crossings will be eliminated or reduced to negligible levels due to the implementation of the company's environmental construction plan.

Finally, the US Fish and Wildlife Service agree that this project will have no adverse effect on bald eagles and that the Bog Turtle Conservation and Construction Monitoring Plan is sufficient to avoid or minimize impacts to bog turtles.

Along with all of this, the company also proposes using an agricultural inspector and subject-matter expert to assure that all farmlands are returned to their original uses and crop yields.

For these reasons, I feel I can and MUST support this project to safely and efficiently transport product throughout Pennsylvania and create many family sustaining jobs. I respectfully ask DEP to approve the Chapter 102 and 105 permits for the Atlantic Sunrise Project. Thank you.