

June 20, 2017  
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SECRETARY'S OFFICE

Patrick McDonnell, Secretary  
Department of Environmental Protection  
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DEPARTMENT OF  
ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

RE: Atlantic Sunrise, 102 & 105 Permits

Dear Secretary McDonnell,

I recently testified at the Tunkhannock Middle School concerning the Atlantic Sunrise permitting process. I have expanded my comments on the attached memo and would like to include them in the public comments for this project.

Thanks for your help and for ensuring that projects like this meet the highest standards.

Sincerely,



Pete Butler  
Wyoming County Homeowner

**Peter R. Butler**  
**Testimony – Atlantic Sunrise Pipeline**  
**June 20, 2017**

**1. PRB –**

- a. Tunkhannock, PA resident 40+ years
- b. Engineering Manager with P&G 37 years, now retired
- c. Plant has used massive amounts of natural gas safely for over 50 years
- d. Savings with natural gas has enabled this plant to invest in modern equipment, remain competitive, and employ well over 2000 folks in our community.

**2. National picture -**

- a. Before joining P&G, I spend 4 years overseas as an Army Combat Engineer
- b. Tens of thousands of others have done the same, largely to protect energy resources needed for our country.
- c. I am persuaded that we need to do everything within our power to develop and utilize our own energy resources. Let's stop putting our military in harm's way to protect affordable energy that we now have available right here in PA.

**3. Williams –**

- a. Local headquarters here in Tunkhannock, PA
- b. Numerous interactions with Williams's folks over the last several years, all positive
- c. I have a pipeline and compressor station a few hundred yards from my family home and I sleep just fine.
- d. Why?
  - \* I have seen how they (Williams) operate
  - \* Safety is key (methods, inspections, on-going monitoring, and a good safety record)
  - \* Environmental Practices are sound (use Best Available Technology)
  - \* Lastly, I have spent my working career safely working with natural gas. I respect it, but I know the risks can be managed, and I know that Williams is up for the task.

**4. Technical Environmental Messaging**

- a. The outstanding Chapter 102 and 105 permits, for which applications were first submitted in 2015, will be among the final approvals needed to move the Atlantic Sunrise project forward.
- b. Williams has been working with the DEP for more than two years, providing the information needed for the permit applications to be processed in a timely and efficient manner.
- c. The company seeks to avoid or minimize impacts to wetlands, waterbodies and other sensitive environmental areas. In doing so, Williams has committed to implementing best-management practices during construction and restoration to mitigate potential impacts associated with installation of the project.
- d. Per PA DEP's request, Williams has completed environmental and cultural resource surveys on 100 percent of the preferred route.
- e. Full-time environmental inspectors will be deployed during construction to oversee and ensure that Williams' best-management practices are implemented and that the project complies with applicable regulatory permit and approval conditions.

- f. In its Environmental Impact Statement, FERC stated: "No long-term effects on surface waters are anticipated as a result of construction and operation of the Project". Furthermore, the company has avoided and minimized impacts to wetlands through in-field routing adjustments and by reducing the Project limits of disturbance where possible. There will be no loss of wetland acreage as a result of construction.
- g. Impacts to downstream resources including the Chesapeake Bay will be avoided and/or reduced to negligible levels by the company's implementation of its Environmental Construction Plan.
- h. The Project area will be restored to original contours and revegetated following pipeline installation, keeping existing drainage patterns intact. The permanent easement and temporary workspace areas will also be permanently stabilized, and the vegetative cover will be maintained.

5. In summary –

- a. This project is good for America, it's good for our region and it's good for our communities.
- b. I urge you to support moving this project forward to completion!
- c. THANK YOU for the opportunity to share my thoughts!!

Sincerely,



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