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DEP-Northcentral Regional Office

208 West Third Street, Suite 101

Williamsport, Pa. 17701

RE: Atlantic-Sunrise Pipeline

To Whom It May Concern:

I attended the public hearing at the Bloomsburg High School Auditorium on Tues., June 13th and was dismayed that the representatives for the DEP were there just to listen. I think it's safe to say that the crowd who attended were interested in asking questions regarding the Atlantic-Sunrise Pipeline. I know I was.

A lot of the audience speakers proclaimed that Williams / Transco were extremely safety conscious with how they run their business. Yet Mr. Walker, a member of the audience, has been compiling 3 years worth of research showing Williams' past transgressions that he submitted to the stenographer. I hope that you will review Mr. Walker's information before allowing Williams / Transco to obtain the State Water Quality Certificate, and Chapter 105 & Chapter 102 Permits necessary to start this project.

I have some concerns of my own regarding this pipeline. This pipeline is proposed to run through various townships in Columbia County, and Northumberland County. Has the board considered that this pipeline would affect the quality of water received by the students and staff of the **Southern Columbia School District** since it's situated in Franklin Township and the students and staff of **Millville School District**? Also we have a main tourist attraction called **Knoebel's Amusement Park** situated in Cleveland Township that would be affected by the disruption of soil and waterways as their Crystal Pool derives its water from the underground springs. Our area wells will be affected as well and the produce we get from our local farm markets.

The town of Dimmock in Susquehanna County had their wells contaminated as a result of the fracking industry. They have been in the news in the past few years and residents have shown samples of their water in glass bottles that were murky, not clear or translucent. The oil

and gas industry settled with these residents to contain the situation.

What is most annoying is that **our citizens will not benefit from the energy coming through these pipelines as it has been slated to be exported to foreign markets.** I understand that this will boost our local economies and we have a dire job situation in this area. I have family in Oklahoma where the fracking industry has had a great success. It is alarming to hear from them about earthquakes occurring there. Since the industry has been there **Oklahoma has had the most man-made earthquakes of any of our fifty states.**

I understand what a difficult decision this is to make. I hope you will err on the side of caution and not put our citizenry in harm's way. Thanking you for your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,



Sonya Vitello

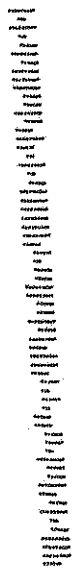


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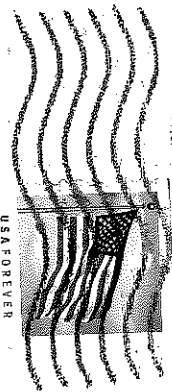
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