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**RE: Request for Public Hearing and Extension of Comment Deadline
Proposed Chapter 105 Permit Applications – Atlantic Sunrise Project
Lancaster County – E36-947
Noticed in 46 Pa.B. 2191 (April 30, 2016)**

Dear Mr. Williamson,

Lancaster Against Pipelines respectfully submits this request for public hearing and for an extension of the comment deadline on its own behalf and on behalf of its members regarding the proposed Atlantic Sunrise pipeline project (specifically the proposed Chapter 105 permit application for Lancaster County).

Lancaster Against Pipelines (“LAP”) is a grassroots coalition of local residents, business owners, church communities, and non-profits committed to protecting their home county against the proposed Atlantic Sunrise gas pipeline. LAP is a registered 501(c)(3) organization. LAP and its members seek to preserve and protect what they most love and cherish about Lancaster County: their farmland, their woods, their scenic waterways, their rural way of life, their Amish neighbors, their Native American heritage, and the well-being of their tight-knit communities.

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This request for public hearing and request for extension of comment deadline are timely filed within thirty (30) days of the April 30, 2016 Pennsylvania Bulletin notices. This letter is filed without prejudice to LAP's right to submit a full comment letter on the proposed Chapter 105 applications.

LAP respectfully requests a public hearing given the immense local interest in the proposed Atlantic Sunrise project, and the extent of the impacts in Lancaster County alone. As one example, LAP has numerous members who live directly in the path of the proposed pipeline. These members' properties will not only suffer direct environmental impacts and degradation of their constitutionally-protected environmental rights, but also these members face the threat of eminent domain for the proposed pipeline construction. LAP has other members who live in the hazard or "blast" zone for the proposed pipeline; members who hunt, fish, farm, and/or otherwise rely on clean streams and groundwater for drinking, recreation, small business income, or simply for scenic enjoyment. The proposed pipeline has a widespread impact in Lancaster County alone, and a public hearing is proper for such a situation.

LAP also requests an extension of the comment deadline to allow for fully-informed comments on the Chapter 105 applications. At the present time, LAP has not had a full opportunity to review the relevant application material and plans, and thirty (30) days is simply insufficient time for the public to both obtain the documents from the Department, digest them, and provide informed and pertinent comments.

In closing, LAP respectfully requests that the Department extend the comment deadline for at least another thirty (30) days, and hold one or more public hearings on the proposed applications.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Very truly yours,



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