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Atlantic Sunrise Pipeline Project - Chapter 105 Water Obstruction and Encroachment permit applications and Chapter 102 ESCGP2 NOI

Good evening.

My name is Jeffrey Logan and I serve as the president of the Pennsylvania Chemistry Industry Council and am speaking in support of the Williams Pipeline Atlantic Sunrise Project. The chemistry industry is the third largest manufacturing industry in the state and is responsible for approximately 41,000 direct jobs and another 50,000 related and support jobs --- and these jobs are good-paying jobs, with an average annual wage of more than \$93,000.

Federal and state regulators play an important role in protecting the health and safety of the citizens they dutifully serve, as well as the environment and wildlife. Williams wants tough regulations, and they want those regulations enforced. The challenges that exist in the current regulatory environment stem from jurisdictional overlap. This overlap has stunted growth and undoubtedly cost the state jobs and economic investment.

Williams has been working with the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (PA DEP) for more than two years, providing the data and information needed for the permit applications to be processed in a timely and efficient manner. The Chapter 102 and 105 permit applications reflect the cooperation and collaboration Williams has demonstrated with PA DEP, as well as federal and state permitting agencies, to avoid or minimize impacts to wetlands, waterbodies and other sensitive environmental areas.



Dedicated, full-time environmental inspectors will be employed 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. Working with stakeholders and permitting agencies, Williams has demonstrated a collaborative approach which has resulted in the adoption of more than 400 route modifications affecting more than 60% of its original route. Per PA DEP's request, environmental and cultural resource surveys on 100 percent of the preferred route have been completed. The company has reduced the potential for cumulative impacts associated with the Atlantic Sunrise Project by collocating the pipeline with existing rights-of-way for one-quarter of the project.

In summary, I call on the PA DEP to approve the Chapter 102 and 105 permits for the Atlantic Sunrise project without delay. Creating an economic environment that encourages private investment and creates jobs — while balancing the health and safety of the public and the environment — should be a top priority. Pipelines are proven to be the safest and most efficient method to move natural gas to consumers. Williams has operated safely in the state for decades and currently touches more than 30 percent of the nation's natural gas, transporting it to markets across the country. After receiving approval from the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) in February 2017, Williams is on the verge of securing the last remaining state permits to begin construction in Pennsylvania. Specifically, Atlantic Sunrise has undergone an unprecedented amount of regulatory and public review. The time to build is now; the time to approve Atlantic Sunrise is now.

Sincerely,

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