

**Cleveland Brothers Equipment Co. Talking Points
Pennsylvania DEP hearings re Atlantic Sunrise Pipeline Project**

- Good evening. My name is Steven Heckman; I am with Cleveland Brothers Equipment Company and I'm here to speak in support of the Atlantic Sunrise pipeline project. The Atlantic Sunrise Project is designed to supply enough natural gas to meet the daily needs of more than 7 million American homes by connecting producing regions in northeastern Pennsylvania to markets in the Mid-Atlantic and southeastern states.
- Cleveland Brothers is a CATERPILLAR Dealer with 27 locations both here in Pennsylvania and West Virginia. We are a family-owned Company that was founded in 1948. We employ over 1,200 employees, both union and non-union. Since 2010 we have invested over **half a billion dollars** in CATERPILLAR machinery to support the oil and gas industry here in Pennsylvania.

- Our Company has a long-standing supply relationship with pipeline contractors operating throughout Pennsylvania, including many of those that will be involved in this project.

The pipeline companies that will be doing work on this project are known for employing best practices in construction including earthmoving, material handling and land restoration.

- This project will support hundreds of jobs at Cleveland Brothers. Delays created in projects like the Mariner East II caused us to decrease our employment levels by over 200 people.

- Also at stake in this project's approval are the jobs of thousands of workers that support the production of natural gas from the shale formations across Pennsylvania. They cannot produce or transport to market because of a lack of pipeline capacity.
- Because of all the construction and energy production activities this pipeline will enable, communities throughout Pennsylvania will benefit from workers incomes, much of it spent locally. The resulting state and local taxes paid by them and their employers will support public education, environmental programs, infrastructure, public safety and other state and local government operations.

- Much of the opposition to this project tonight will point to alternative energy sources, or the dangers of carbon, or gas leaks associated with pipelines, or dangers to our waterways. Please keep this in mind: this project will be built by some of the best pipeline contractors in the country, who like all Americans, care about our environment and who have proven over decades that these pipelines are in fact constructed safely. There's not one alternative energy project in Pennsylvania the opposition can point to that will supply 7 million homes 24 hours a day with **clean** and **affordable** energy sources like this project. Nor can the opposition create the thousands of jobs and incomes for our state's oil and gas workers who simply want to support their families through honest hard work.

- Pennsylvanians need to spend more time embracing the opportunity that shale gas has given us and what it can mean for Pennsylvania through cooperation and teamwork. This should be about safe and clean energy production and JOBS; JOBS for our Citizens, JOBS for our Children and JOBS for our Children's Children!!!!

Thank you for this opportunity to offer my view about why this project is important to our Company and Pennsylvania.

