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Good evening. My name is Rudy Schmehl (spell name).

I live in Berks County, PA.

Thank you for the opportunity to speak at this hearing.

I recommend that the Chapter 102 and 105 permits for the Atlantic Sunrise Pipeline project should be issued without delay.

We as Pennsylvanians are extremely fortunate to have this valuable natural gas resource in our commonwealth.

Additional infrastructure has been postponed for far too long. We need this pipeline to transport product to market and we need it now to further grow the natural gas industry both at home and abroad.

Williams goes to great lengths to promote the following:

- To locate new pipelines in or along existing rights of way and/or use existing boundary areas (roads, fence rows, property lines, forest edges).**
- To manage ROW and forest edges to encourage game and non-game species.**
- To maintain ROW to reduce spread of invasive weeds.**
- To utilize good soil management and reseeding.**
- To constantly employ Follow-up assessment of ROW – searching for settling, seeping, vegetative cover.**
- And, the industry offers Landowner/property owner education.**

Williams is committed to environmental protection.

Pipeline Safety

- Gas pipeline incidents in CA, Allentown and Philadelphia bring attention to importance of pipeline safety.**

- **Aging infrastructure and increasing residential development nationwide dictate the need for replacement and new infrastructure.**
- **In the Commonwealth of PA, 'line hits' and old (cast iron and unprotected steel) pipe account for majority of incidents.**

No one gets up in the morning and says, "I think I will have a car accident on the way to work".

No one gets up in the morning and says, "I think that I would like to fall off a ladder today".

And no one who works for an oil and gas company gets up in the morning and says, "Let's have an accident at work today".

Williams is committed to safety.

Established in 2015, the Atlantic Sunrise Community Grant Program is intended to benefit community organizations in communities within the Atlantic Sunrise footprint.

Since 2015, the Atlantic Sunrise Community Grant Program has shared nearly \$1.5 million across the 10-county Atlantic Sunrise project area in support of noteworthy projects.

Last fall, Williams distributed more than \$350,000 to 40 organizations that reside in, and/or provide services to communities where the proposed Atlantic Sunrise project would be constructed and operated.

Grants up to \$10,000 per funding cycle will be awarded based on community need and can be used to provide environmental benefit, economic development, and community benefit.

Williams is committed to being a good neighbor.

I call on the PA DEP to approve the Chapter 102 and 105 permits for the Atlantic Sunrise project without delay.

Thank you.