

Hello, my name is Wade Pilgreen and I have been a proud member of Pipeliner's Local 798 for thirty-seven years. I would like to thank you for the opportunity to speak to you on this very important issue. As you are aware of, Williams has been working with the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection 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 outstanding Chapter 102 and 105 permits, will be among the final approvals needed to move this project forward. Williams has demonstrated with the PA DEP as well as federal and state permitting agencies, to avoid or minimize impacts to wetlands, waterbodies, and other sensitive environmental areas. In addition, Williams is committed to implementing best-management practices during construction and restoration to mitigate potential impacts associated with installation of the project. Williams will employ full time environmental inspectors during construction to oversee and ensure that Williams' best management practices are implemented and that the project complies with regulatory permit and approval conditions. While 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. Williams has provided environmental and cultural resource surveys on 100 percent of the preferred route, and the company has reduced the potential for increasing impacts associated with the Atlantic Sunrise Project by joining the pipeline with existing rights-of-way for one quarter of the project. History has proven that pipelines are the safest and most efficient method to move natural gas to consumers. I urge the PA DEP to approve the Chapter 102 and 105 permits for the Atlantic Sunrise without delay. Thank you again for your time and consideration.