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PA DEP Hearing Talking Points

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Key Message Points

- 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.
- Undoubtedly, permitting and regulation play a key role in every infrastructure and economic development project; however, there must be a balance.
- 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 a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity 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.

Regulatory Messaging

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- Williams has secured all necessary permits and has commenced construction on Atlantic Sunrise facilities in all other states.
- 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.

Environmental Messaging

- The outstanding Chapter 102 and 105 permits, for which applications were first submitted in 2015, will be among the final approvals needed to move this project forward.