

Thank you for the opportunity to share my thoughts on the proposed Atlantic Sunrise Project.

As you may be aware, I previously recommended an expand and upgrade approach to the proposed pipeline because it is consistent with Lancaster County's targeted efforts toward development and growth. I specifically mentioned farmland preservation and transportation and also offered three examples of how our community is working together to maximize the use of existing infrastructure and resources. At its core, this is an anti-sprawl and pro-environment argument.

In short, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) has failed to fully address my concerns, specifically as it relates to requiring Williams Partners to upgrade and expand their existing pipeline infrastructure. I specifically noted that there is existing connectivity within the current pipeline infrastructure network, which is at least a reasonable place to start. While the DEIS reports that substituting the Transco Looping CPL South Alternative is not feasible, but based on my understanding, it did not address what additional capacity could be developed there or perhaps in other places by leveraging existing pipeline infrastructure to prevent or reduce environmental and other impacts to Lancaster County and potentially other communities along the proposed route.

Most of us have heard debate and discussion at all levels of government about our aging infrastructure in this country, bridges that are structurally deficient, roads that are deteriorating, water and wastewater systems that are aging combined with the fact that we are unable or unwilling to provide the appropriate resources to make the necessary improvements and upgrades. In the meantime, our communities are negatively impacted.

Right now, in my opinion, we are rushing to build new pipeline driven by short-term profit and contrary to stated national energy independence goals rather than take a long-term view with the understanding that what is built now must be maintained later. This is why requiring that existing infrastructure be expanded and upgraded first makes sense. It protects us in the short-term and protects us in the long-term and potentially reduces the future cost and public safety risks from an aging and sprawling pipeline infrastructure.

With these things in mind, I strongly encourage FERC to embrace this long-term approach and require Williams Partners to expand and upgrade their existing pipeline infrastructure first. It is anti-sprawl and pro-environment. Thank you for the opportunity to share my thoughts on this important matter.