

Good evening. My name is Jason Fink and I live at 551 Harding Avenue in Williamsport. I come forward to request that DEP move quickly to approve the Chapter 102 and 105 permits for the Atlantic Sunrise project.

This project has been thoroughly vetted by various entities. It has received a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity from FERC in February of this year. Williams has been working with DEP for more than two years, providing the data and information needed for the permit applications to be processed in a timely and efficient manner. It is now time after these two plus years for this project to receive the DEP approval that it has demonstrated it has earned.

During this time spent in working with DEP, 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. They have performed environmental and cultural resource surveys on 100 percent of the preferred route. One-quarter of the project will be done collocating the pipeline with existing rights-of-way.

FERC Environmental Impact Statement determined that "No long-term effects on surface waters are anticipated as a result of construction and operation of the Project". It also stated that "Given the impact avoidance, minimization, and mitigation measures proposed by Transco, as well as our recommendations, we conclude that the construction and operation of the Project would not have a significant adverse effect on wildlife, including migratory birds."

Atlantic Sunrise has been through an unprecedented amount of regulatory and public review at the federal and state level from various agencies with oversight of it. This overlap has stunted growth and undoubtedly cost the state jobs and economic investment.

This nearly \$3 billion project will be a major driver for Pennsylvania's economy by transporting Pennsylvania Marcellus Gas to markets far beyond the mining area of the gas. It will help to drive down the costs for both residents and industries that rely upon it for home heating, air conditioning and manufacturing processes.

It is time now for DEP to step forward to end this bureaucratic nightmare for Williams and its Atlantic Sunrise project. Williams has already shown the federal branches of the government that it can and will construct this pipeline with the safety, environmental concerns, and oversight that we all expect from any industry conducting operations in the Commonwealth. DEP should approve the Atlantic Sunrise Project given all that Williams has demonstrated to receive the approvals from various federal agencies including FERC. Thank you for consideration of my comments in favor of Atlantic Sunrise and Williams.