

Adelphia Gateway, LLC

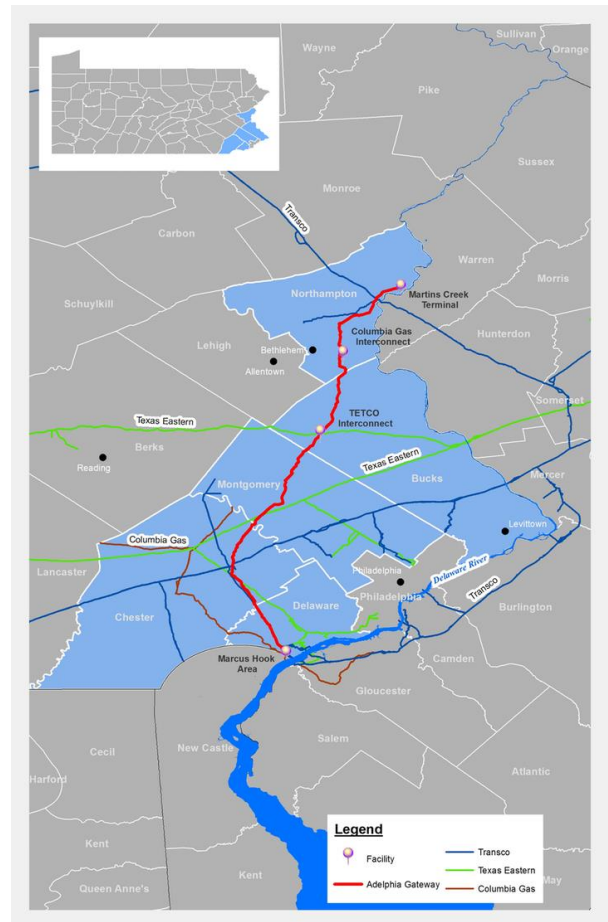
*This information sheet serves as a summary overview of the project.
For more detailed information on this project, see link at the end of this document.*

WHAT

Adelphia Gateway, LLC, is proposing a project to repurpose an existing pipeline in Southeastern Pennsylvania from oil to natural gas. This project, subject to review by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC), also requires approvals and permits from the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (DEP). Pipeline safety regulations are administered by the U.S. Department of Transportation through the Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA).

WHERE

Adelphia Gateway is proposing the use of 84.2 miles of existing 18-inch pipeline and 4.4 miles of new 20-inch pipeline to transport natural gas. The project traverses Bucks County (Richlandtown Borough and West Rockhill Township); Delaware County (Chester Township, Concord Township, Lower Chichester Township, Thornberry Township and, Trainer Borough); Chester County (East Goshen Township, Whiteland Township, Charlestown Township and, East Pikeland Township); Montgomery County (Skippack Township and Perkiomen Township); and Northampton County (Lower Mount Bethel Township). The proposed project starts at Martins Creek, Northampton County.



TIMETABLE/CURRENT STATUS:

- On March 4, 2019, DEP received a request for a state water quality certification (SWQC) under EA000012-001. On March 16, 2019, the SWQC request was noticed in the *Pennsylvania Bulletin* (19 Pa B. 369) and subsequently authorized conditionally on February 28, 2020.
- On December 17, 2018, DEP received a request for consistency under the Coastal Zone Management Act (CZMA). On January 19, 2019, the request was noticed in the *Pennsylvania Bulletin* (49 Pa B. 339) and subsequently issued on June 14, 2019.
- On August 6, 2018, DEP received various Ch. 105 general permit applications. (GP081518308, GP111518315, GP084618304, GP114618312). These applications are complete and technical review is underway.
- On March 22, 2019, DEP received the Erosion and Sediment Control permit application for Phase 1 work. On January 18, 2020, DEP determined the permit submittal to be complete. Technical review is underway.

LEAD DEP REVIEWING OFFICE(S):

DEP's Southeast Regional Office (SERO) are assigned oversight of the entire project and are the point of contact for the applicant. SERO also coordinates with pertinent County Conservation Districts to ensure that the technical reviews are consistent and are being conducted in a timely manner. SERO is also handling matter related to Air Quality Permits.

DEP PERMITS REQUIRED

Multiple DEP permits and approvals are proposed for this project. These include:

- **Section 401- State Water Quality Certification (SWQC):** Pursuant to Section 401 of the Federal Clean Water Act, DEP will process a SWQC to ensure that activities associated with proposed interstate natural gas transmission pipeline project regulated by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) complies with state law requirements necessary to protect the quality of the waters of the Commonwealth. The SWQC is often authorized conditionally and serves as an index for all DEP water-related permits/approvals that may be required for a pipeline project.
- **Chapter 105 – Water Obstruction and Encroachment Permits:** This type of permit is required for water obstructions or encroachment activities located in, along, across or projecting into a watercourse, floodway or body of water, including wetlands. For this project, the majority of the regulated activities are associated with crossings of wetlands, streams and floodways.
- **Chapter 102 – Erosion & Sediment Control Permit:** This type of permit is required for earth disturbance associated with oil and gas exploration, production, processing or treatment operations or transmission facilities when earth disturbance is five acres or greater. For this project, DEP staff will work closely with the County Conservation Districts to review and process applications. Due to the extent of earth disturbance for the entire project, the company applied for an Erosion and Sediment Control Permit.
- **Air Quality Permit:** Air quality plan approvals are intended to address air pollution sources and applicable control devices. DEP is reviewing two plan approval applications for the construction and operation of two new natural gas compressor stations. After a thorough and complete review of the application, DEP generates a draft plan approval that contains specific conditions, including monitoring and recordkeeping, that will ensure the construction and operation are conducted in compliance with applicable rules and regulations.

TO PROVIDE QUESTIONS/COMMENTS:

Please contact the Waterways and Wetlands Program, Southeast Regional Office, Norristown at RA-EPWW-SERO@pa.gov.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

Additional information, including copies of documents submitted to DEP and opportunities for public involvement, can be found on DEP's Pipeline Portal.

<https://www.dep.pa.gov/About/Regional/SoutheastRegion/Community%20Information/Pages/Adelphia-Gateway-.aspx>