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PA Organizations to Launch Citizens Marcellus Shale Commission

HARRISBURG, PA – On Tuesday, August 30, there will be the announcement of a new commission that will give the citizens of Pennsylvania an opportunity to tell their side of the story about drilling in the Marcellus Shale. Reporters and editors are invited to participate in a media conference call at 11 a.m.

The Citizens Marcellus Shale Commission, co-chaired by former state Representatives Carole Rubley and Dan Surra, will hold hearings across Pennsylvania to gather citizen perspectives on the Marcellus Shale and produce a final report for policymakers.

Delaware Riverkeeper Maya van Rossum has been appointed one of the panel's Commissioners. "This is an important opportunity for citizens, experts, and those with relevant experiences and knowledge to share their information about gas drilling so a truly informed set of considerations can be shared with Pennsylvania elected officials and agency representatives," said van Rossum.

WHAT: Media Conference call to discuss launch of Citizens Marcellus Shale Commission

WHEN: Tuesday, August, 30, 2011, 11 a.m.

CALL-IN: 1-866-951-1151 | Conference #: 1738238

SPONSORING ORGANIZATIONS: Pennsylvania Budget and Policy Center, Clean Water Action, Keystone Progress, League of Women Voters of Pennsylvania, Housing Alliance of Pennsylvania, Penn Environment, Sierra Club Pennsylvania Chapter, and the CLEAR Coalition. Commissioners include an array of representation.

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The Commission will hold five hearings across Pennsylvania to seek citizen perspectives on the Marcellus Shale. The first hearing is scheduled for 6-9 pm Wednesday, August 31 in Southwestern Pennsylvania: South Fayette Middle School, McDonald, Pa. The next hearing will be held on September 6 in Philadelphia.

Learn more about upcoming hearings at <http://citizensmarcellusshale.com>.