

# The Atlantic Sunrise Pipeline Primer

## Who:

Williams Company Inc. is proposing the Atlantic Sunrise Pipeline. (FERC Docket # PF 14-8)

## What:

The Atlantic Sunrise Pipeline, or the Central Penn Line North and South would be a shortcut between the existing Leidy Line in Columbia County with the Transcontinental Gas Pipeline in Lancaster County. It is a greenfield pipeline, meaning it creates a new Right-Of-Way (ROW).

If constructed, Atlantic Sunrise will be 178 miles long, with at least 2 new compressor stations in Susquehanna and Columbia Counties, Pennsylvania. The pipeline would be an interstate line, meaning it requires a federal certificate of public convenience and necessity from the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC), as well as state permits from the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection for stream crossings, and air permits for compressor stations.

## Anticipated Regulatory Schedule:

The project is currently in the scoping period for the environmental impact statement. Flip sheet over to learn how you can comment on the EIS!

To follow the filing and comment process, go to: <http://elibrary.ferc.gov/idmws/search/fercgensearch.asp>

And search for Docket Number: **PF 14-8**

Williams Representatives have stated that they anticipate filing a formal application within the next 6-9 months. At that point, anyone who is interested can file a motion to intervene in the application.

## Get Involved:

There are groups organizing along the entire route of the proposed route, find the group nearest to you or set one up, we're all ready to help each other organize!

Clean Air Council: <http://www.cleanair.org/atlanticsunrise>

Shalefield Organizing Committee: <http://shalefieldorganizing.org/>

Lebanon County Pipeline Awareness: <https://www.facebook.com/LebanonPipelineAwareness>

Lancaster Against Pipelines: <http://lancasteragainstpipelines.com/>

Susquehanna County: <http://energyjusticesummer.org/about-us/>

Schuylkill Pipeline Awareness: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/758856534157741/>

## Have Questions?

Contact Sam Koplinka-Loehr at the Clean Air Council: [skl@cleanair.org](mailto:skl@cleanair.org) or by phone: 215-567-4004 x. 115

## Where:

Central Penn Line North: *Susquehanna, Wyoming, Luzerne Counties* - 56.4 miles of 30" pipeline

Central Penn Line South: *Columbia, Northumberland, Schuylkill, Lebanon, Lancaster* - 122 miles of 42" pipe

Grugan Loop: *Clinton County* - 5.5 miles of 36" pipe

Unity Loop: *Lycoming County* - 9 miles of 42" pipe



## Why:

The Atlantic Sunrise Pipeline is being built to allow the transportation of additional quantities of Marcellus Shale natural gas to markets and consumers, especially along the eastern coast of the United States. Currently, there is one approved liquefied natural gas export terminal in Louisiana, and two international export terminals proposed along the eastern coast of the U.S. in Georgia, and Cove Point, Maryland. There are 13 export terminals proposed in the United States at current count.

\*\*Please see back side of this page for public input information

# The Atlantic Sunrise Pipeline EIS Scoping Hearings

In order to comply with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), FERC is preparing an environmental impact statement (EIS) for the project. August 4–7, there are four hearings for public input.

Date and Time	Location
August 4, 2014 Company open house 6 - 7 PM FERC hearing 7 - 10 PM	Millersville University Student Memorial Center 21 South George Street Millersville, PA 17551
August 5, 2014 Company open house 6 - 7 PM FERC hearing 7 - 10 PM	Lebanon Valley College Lutz Hall 101 North College Ave. Anneville, PA 17003
August 6, 2014 Company open house 6 - 7 PM FERC hearing 7 - 10 PM	Bloomsburg University Haas Center for the Arts 400 East Second Street Bloomsburg, PA 17815
August 7, 2014 Company open house 6 - 7 PM FERC hearing 7 - 10 PM	Lake Lehmon High School 1128 Old Route 115 Dallas, PA 18612

*These scoping hearings are opportunities to tell FERC what to assess in the environmental review. According to the law, you can request that FERC review any issue that is **ecological, aesthetic, historic, cultural, economic, social, or health, whether direct, indirect, or cumulative.***

**Indirect** impacts are reasonably foreseeable future actions that may include: related effects on air and water, impacts to natural systems, changes in the pattern of land use, population density or growth rate, ecosystem services that are related to the project. *An example of an indirect impact is an increase in hydraulically-fractured wells from Atlantic Sunrise creating an avenue to bring gas to international markets.*

**Cumulative** impacts are the results of this action when added to other past, present, and reasonably foreseeable future actions regardless of what agency or person undertakes such other actions. Cumulative impacts can result from individually minor but collectively significant actions taking place over a period of time. *An example of a cumulative impact that should be included in the EIS is changes to regional water and air quality due to an increase in wells, compressor stations, and pipelines along this corridor.*

## **Direct, Indirect, and Cumulative Impacts that FERC should include in the EIS:**

Loss of interior forests • Increase of fracking along Atlantic Sunrise route • Increase in gas infrastructure • Future construction of pipelines through this right-of-way (ROW) • Greenhouse gas emissions from Cove Point Export Facility • Health impacts from fracking • Historic sites along the route • Native American sites along the route • Full restoration of ROW including replanting trees • Health impacts from compressor stations • Potential emergency scenarios • Domestic gas prices due to exports overseas • Impacts to Amish community and other constituencies along route • Methane releases due to fugitive emissions along entire route and contribution to climate change • Directional drilling below streams to reduce impacts • Reduction of ROW size • Emotional strain of having a highly pressurized gasline nearby

## **How to comment on the EIS Scoping:**

Come to one of the public meetings above, or submit your comments online before August 18<sup>th</sup>. You can submit EIS scoping request at this link: <https://ferconline.ferc.gov/QuickComment.aspx>