

Commonwealth of Pennsylvania



DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

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November 5, 2008

Ramona J. Kanouff
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Dear Ms. Kanouff:

I am writing with regard to the Dominion Transmission gas lines that have been proposed in Pennsylvania. Several farm owners have contacted the Department of Agriculture expressing concern over the potential impacts of this project on their operation and I would like to request your help in ensuring that this project is completed without negative impact to Pennsylvania farms. As I am sure you are aware, farmland in Pennsylvania is a significant economic and environmental resource, helping to fuel the Commonwealth's number one industry, agriculture.

It is my understanding that under the current proposal, the lines would traverse a number of counties in the Commonwealth, and that the main part of the project will parallel an existing line. As you carry out the project, I would like to request that potential farmland impacts of any type, degree or quantity be given careful consideration as alignments are selected for further study in the Environmental Impact Statement. If farmland impacts cannot be avoided, I request that you work with farm producers to minimize the disruption to their operation during all phases of construction. In addition, I believe it would be helpful if the Department could access a copy of the final Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) upon completion for our review and comment. If you could kindly advise us when this document is available for public comment and input, it would be much appreciated.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. The Department of Agriculture is willing to assist you in any way to ensure that you can successfully complete this project in a way that is positive for Pennsylvania farms. If the Department of Agriculture can address any questions or be of assistance with your planning process, please contact Doug Wolfgang, Director, Bureau of Farmland Preservation at 717-783-3167.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "D. Wolff".

Dennis C Wolff, Secretary

cc: Bill Wehry, Deputy Secretary, Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture
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