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Acting Secretary John Hanger
Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection
P.O. Box 2063
Harrisburg, PA 17105-2063

Dear Secretary Hanger:

I write regarding the Williams Transco pipeline (Docket # CP08-31-000) located in Chester County and currently pending before the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission. Residents in my Senatorial district have followed the proposed pipeline expansion with significant interest and, understandably, some concerns. Among these concerns highlighted to date in the public comment period are potential impacts on well water quality and quantity; storm water runoff and other erosion and sediment control impacts and ensuring the quality of the Commonwealth's exceptional value and other special protected waterways. Chester County prides itself on progressive measures for storm water runoff and quality well water for their residents.

Williams-Transco has publicly pledged to work with the Chester County Conservation District and the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) to identify and implement mitigation efforts that address the concerns of local residents. Therefore, I urge PA DEP to intervene in the FERC process, which in my opinion, will provide the best opportunity to resolve any potential issues.

I join with my colleagues in making this request.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John C. Rafferty, Jr." with a stylized flourish at the end.

John C. Rafferty, Jr.

cc: Ann Knaus
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