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John Hanger, Secretary
PA Department of Environmental Protection
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Dear Secretary Hanger:

I write to you regarding the Williams Transcontinental Gas Pipe Line Company (Transco) Sentinel Expansion Project in Chester County, Pennsylvania. A number of my constituents have contacted me concerning the Downingtown Replacement project's crossing of the east branch of Brandywine Creek. I write to share their concerns, and to request that they be given your full and fair consideration.

It is my understanding that the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection has previously denied a permitting request in which Transco proposed to cross the Brandywine Creek by what is known as the "open cut" construction method. It is my understanding that Transco has reapplied for a DEP permit, but continues to propose an "open cut" method for crossing the Brandywine.

A number of legislators from the region have contacted me, including State Representative Curt Schroder (155th), State Senator Andrew Dinniman (19th), State Senator John Rafferty (44th) and State Representative Duane Milne (167th) in opposition to any open cut crossing of the Brandywine Creek.

Again, I urge you to give their concerns your full and fair consideration. The health and welfare of Pennsylvania's rivers and streams is of great importance, and we must ensure their protection from undue harm. To this end, I am writing today to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission urging them to withhold authorization of the Brandywine crossing until the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection has fully addressed these concerns.

Sincerely,



Arlen Specter

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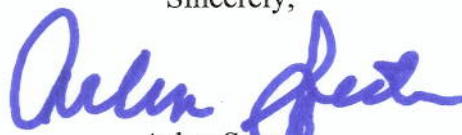
Dear Acting Director Schaub:

I am writing to you regarding the Williams Transcontinental Gas Pipe Line Company (Transco) Sentinel Expansion Project in Chester County, Pennsylvania. I have heard from a number of concerned constituents regarding the Downingtown Replacement portion of this project, and I urge you today to give their concerns your full and fair consideration.

It is my understanding that on June 5, 2009, Transco, in a letter to FERC, requested authorization to begin construction between mileposts 1715.42 and 1716.01 which includes the crossing of the Brandywine Creek's east branch located at milepost 1715.69. As approval of this particular segment of the project falls under the jurisdiction of the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection, I ask that FERC withhold authorizing construction across the east branch of Brandywine Creek until PA DEP has granted approval.

Thank your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,


Arlen Specter

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