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BEFORE THE
FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION

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IN THE MATTER OF: : Project Number
LEIDY TO LONG ISLAND EXPANSION PROJECT: PF05-6-000
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Days Inn
50 Sheraton Road
Danville, PA 17821

Wednesday, June 15, 2005

The above-entitled matter came on for scoping
meeting, pursuant to notice at 7:10 p.m.

MODERATOR: SHANNON DUNN, FERC

1 PROCEEDINGS

2 MS. DUNN: Good evening. On behalf of the
3 Federal Regulatory Commission, I'd like to welcome you all
4 here tonight. My name is Shannon Dunn. I am the
5 Environmental Project Manager for the Leidy to Long Island
6 Expansion Project.

7 The purpose of tonight's meeting is to provide
8 each of you with an opportunity to give us your
9 environmental comment on the proposed project.

10 If you wish to speak tonight, you can let me know
11 when we get to that point. There is a speaker list sign in
12 sheet at the back.

13 We are here tonight to learn from you. If you
14 have comments or concerns, we ask that you be as specific as
15 possible to aid us in analyzing the issue. If you do not
16 wish to speak tonight, I urge you to write in to the
17 Commission with your comments.

18 Your comments will be used to determine what
19 issues we need to cover in our environmental assessment,
20 that's also known as an EA.

21 On May 25, we issued a Notice of Intent to
22 prepare an EA for this project. On June 2, we issued an
23 updated Compression Station Sites Map to be included in the
24 Notice. The Notices at the table in the back include the
25 updated map. So if you grab a copy of that, that includes

1 the updated map.

2 The Notice requested that written comments be
3 sent to FERC by June 24, 2005. That's not to say that we
4 won't accept comments after that date, we will.

5 We ask that you provide comments as soon as
6 possible in order to give us time to analyze and research
7 the issues. The Notice, in the back again, has helpful
8 information in it about FERC and also list the Commission's
9 address and website and instructions on how to send us
10 written comments.

11 I would like to mention that the Commission
12 strongly encourages electronic filing of written comments.
13 The instructions are in the Notice or can be located on our
14 website, which is www.ferc.gov and those instructions are
15 under the e-filing link.

16 In addition, we offer a free service called e-
17 subscription, which allows you to keep track of all formal
18 issuances and filings for this project. We organize that
19 into dockets.

20 If you register with e-subscription, you will
21 automatically be notified by email of these filings and you
22 will be provided links to access the documents. You can
23 register for this service on our website under the e-
24 subscription link.

25 Regarding our process, FERC has begun what we

1 call a pre-filing environmental review of the Leidy to Long
2 Island Expansion Project. A formal application has not been
3 filed with the FERC. However, we have begun our review of
4 this project to allow early involvement by the public,
5 government entities, and other interested parties. The
6 purpose is to identify and resolve environmental issues as
7 early as possible.

8 Other federal and state agencies also have
9 permitting and review responsibilities associated with this
10 project and we will seek to coordinate our review with them.

11 As the lead federal agency, we will review the
12 project to satisfy the requirements of the National
13 Environmental Policy Act. We will assemble information from
14 a variety of sources, including the applicants, you, the
15 public, other state, local, and federal agencies, and our
16 own fieldwork. We will analyze this information and present
17 our findings in an environmental assessment.

18 The EA may be distributed to the public for
19 comment. If you want a copy of the EA, there are three ways
20 to let us know. You can return the information request card
21 that was attached to the Notice of Intent, you can send a
22 written comment to the Commission, or you can find a mailing
23 list form at the table in the back. You must do one of
24 those three things to stay on our mailing list.

25 It is very important that any comments you send

1 in include our docket number for this project. The docket
2 number is on the Notice that we mailed out but let me give
3 it to you now. It is PF05-6-000.

4 After the EA is issued, you will have 30 days to
5 review and comment on it. At the end of the 30-day comment
6 period, we will use your comments and any new information
7 that we've gathered to finalize our recommendations.

8 The EA does not make the final decision on the
9 project. It's being prepared to advise the Commission and
10 to disclose to the public the environmental impact of
11 constructing and operating the proposed project.

12 When it's finished, the Commission will consider
13 the environmental information along with non-environmental
14 issues, such as engineering, markets, and rates, in making
15 its decision to approve or deny the project.

16 If the Commission does vote to approve the
17 project, FERC environmental staff will monitor the project
18 through construction and restoration, performing onsite
19 inspection to ensure environmental compliance with our
20 conditions in the FERC Certificate.

21 Before we start taking comments, Mr. David
22 LaGroue from TransContinental will provide a brief project
23 overview.

24 MR. LAGROUE: Hello and I want to thank everyone
25 for being here. My name is David LaGroue and I'm the

1 project manager of this project. I've been with Williams
2 for 10 years and I'm going to continue to read off my little
3 sheet so I won't forget anything.

4 Although this meeting isn't really designed to be
5 a Q&A session, we have a number of company representatives
6 present today that will be happy to meet with anyone after
7 the meeting and answer any questions you may have.

8 I'd like to provide a brief overview of the
9 TransCo pipeline and the proposal of this project. Williams
10 operates the TransCo pipeline which transport natural gas
11 from the Gulf of Mexico to markets all along the East Coast.
12 It crosses 13 states and consists of over 10,500 miles of
13 high strength steel pipe with 43 compressor stations. We
14 operate safely for more than 50 years.

15 TransCo pipeline provides more than half of the
16 gas used in the State of New Jersey, and is a major
17 transporter of gas to the Northeast. During peak periods
18 like past winter, the pipeline operated at its maximum
19 capacity.

20 Natural gas demands in the region have steadily
21 increased and the increase in consumption is needed to fuel
22 homes, industry, power plants, which have been switching
23 over to natural gas because of the clean burning fuel.

24 The ability to serve grow through the existing
25 infrastructure is limited. That is why we are approached by

1 customers for more gas and we have periodically expand or
2 built new facilities.

3 In this case, the customers have approached us to
4 provide an extra hundred million cubic feet of natural gas
5 per day. For us to meet this need, we must expand certain
6 facilities in New Jersey and Pennsylvania, including about
7 10 miles of 42-inch pipe in Pennsylvania, 3.5 miles of 42-
8 inch pipe in Somerset County, New Jersey. We are going to
9 be replacing 2 miles of 42-inch pipe and constructing a new
10 compressor facility in Middlesex County, New Jersey.

11 Ideally, we would like to start our construction
12 for this project in early 2007 so that the facility could be
13 ready by November 2007. We are relatively early in the
14 process and as a federally regulated entity, we must file an
15 application with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
16 before we expand the facilities. We are aiming to file that
17 application which defines the project scope in September of
18 this year.

19 So where are we at today? For the past few
20 months we have been gathering feedback from members of the
21 communities to help us shape the final project scope. We
22 have been meeting with the public, homeowners associations,
23 local government officials, and others to help identify and
24 address potential issues and concerns.

25 In that way, when we file our application in the

1 file, hopefully we will have an opportunity to address any
2 issues that are out there.

3 We want to be open and accessible during the
4 process. With that, I encourage you that if you have any
5 questions, or if you need to get a hold of us, you can
6 contact us through our toll free number which we have set
7 up, and that toll free number is, 1-866-455-9103, or you can
8 send us an email, at northeast.expansion@williams.com.

9 And if you need those, either the phone number or
10 the email address, you can contact one of the
11 representatives in the back and we'll give you that
12 information again at the end of the meeting. Thank you very
13 much.

14 MS. DUNN: Thank you. We'll now begin the
15 important part of the meeting, with your comments. When
16 your name is called, please step up in between these chairs,
17 state your name for the record. Your comments will be
18 transcribed by a court reporter to ensure that we get an
19 accurate record of your comments.

20 Anyone wishing to purchase a copy of the
21 transcript in less than 10 days, should make those
22 arrangements with the court reporter. The transcript will
23 be available on the FERC website after that, so everyone has
24 access to the information collected here tonight.

25 Now I will read off my speaker's list. Marilyn

1 Hess, the one and only speaker. Just step forward to the
2 front. There is the microphone right here.

3 MS. HESS: Some of what I've written down may not
4 pertain to what you were talking about. We had meetings way
5 back in 1998 when they were starting. I have literature
6 from way back then and letters, but we want to know if the
7 federal government requires the Department of Homeland
8 Security to cover the natural gas pipelines, is that
9 possible or don't you know?

10 MS. DUNN: No. I'm sorry. We'll take comments
11 tonight and then afterwards, I'll answer your questions.

12 MS. HESS: Okay, because this could be a target
13 for terrorism as this is considered a major energy supply.

14 We would actually like our properties secure from
15 public trespassers because of the thought of the threats of
16 terrorism in this day and age.

17 Basically, we have people, trespassers come in on
18 our property stating they were on the gas line property and
19 we could not stop them from using the gas line property and
20 I put that in quotes, because that's the exact words they
21 use.

22 This needs to be addressed by the gas company to
23 educate the public that this is private property and we pay
24 full property taxes on the restricted areas of land and our
25 property is posted with "no trespassing" signs.

1 Now Luzerne County is in the process of new
2 property tax assessment and Luzerne County does not offer a
3 tax reduction program like Clain and Green. I would like
4 the gas companies, if they can, to furnish documentation and
5 prints of the lands that they are using for the county tax
6 assessors or assessor, I guess there is only one.

7 But we feel we should not be paying full assessed
8 evaluation on the property we have restrictive usage of.
9 Now we've contacted the gas company legal department and the
10 right of way supervisors in the past regarding barriers or
11 fences at the borders of our property and they told us they
12 did not want the responsibility and liability or both of
13 constructing such barriers.

14 We do not want the liability and responsibility
15 of someone getting injured on our property either. We would
16 prefer our property be secured from public use. We feel the
17 gas company and ourselves would profit from this security.

18 We have additional property which is down the
19 road from this property with the gas lines. They have PPNA
20 electric transmission lines going through there and PPNA has
21 cooperated with us to eliminate the public usage by
22 installing barriers and a secure gate, and this was approved
23 by their security personnel.

24 They also provided posters, which I have one, let
25 me get it so you can see it, and what it says is, "no

1 trespassing, use of road and right of way is for landowner
2 and PPNL only."

3 And we contacted the gas company regarding no
4 trespassing posters for their right of way. The person we
5 spoke to said, he would check with his boss and get back to
6 us. We never heard from anyone at the gas company.

7 And that's exactly what it says, the property is
8 for the use of the land owner and PPNL. We have these
9 posted right on the barrier. If you go by, you'll see these
10 big yellow signs.

11 We would like the environmental impact on our
12 property kept to a minimum. This includes the cutting of
13 trees, destruction of habitat and the wetlands, but using
14 the existing right of way or storage area.

15 MS. DUNN: Thank you. Does anyone else wish to
16 speak? Without anymore speakers, the former part of the
17 meeting will conclude. On behalf of the Federal Energy
18 Regulatory Commission, I would like to thank all of you for
19 coming tonight, and I am available for questions afterwards.

20 (Whereupon, at 7:25 p.m., the scoping meeting was
21 adjourned.)

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