

## **OEP Director, Mark Robinson's statement on Pre-Filing**

"The whole concept behind pre-filing is to proactively pursue issues, not just wait to see if somebody shows up with one. To go out and go to the states, go to the people who would most be affected by lateral infrastructure, anything that moves along the course of the land and see what their problems are and to resolve those before they ever get into an application.

If we can move a transmission line or move a pipe to avoid a wetland or avoid a state-protected area or work with the state for any other interest that they may have, to do that before the application even comes to us, that's an issue the Commission never even has to address. That's what pre-filing is all about, to minimize the issues before an application is ever brought to the Commission so that we are left with only those issues that the Commission really does need to decide."