August 13, 2015

Lebanon County Commissioners  
Room 207, Municipal Building  
400 South Eighth Street  
Lebanon, PA 17042

Dear Commissioners Ames, Phillips and Litz:

This is in response to your letter dated July 24, 2015 requesting a public meeting in Lebanon County related to our proposed Atlantic Sunrise Project.

The next round of public meetings will be offered by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) in conjunction with the issuance of their draft environmental impact statement for the project. Although FERC has not issued a scheduling notice for the dates, times and places for these meetings, we anticipate the meetings will be held sometime in the fall in proximity to the locations they used for their public scoping meetings held in August 2014.

Over the past 18 months, we’ve demonstrated our commitment to engaging stakeholders by hosting a variety of meetings in the county and throughout the project area. In February, 2014 we presented an overview of our project at a public meeting before the commissioners. Just over a year ago in Lebanon County, more than 300 people attended our open house on June 10, 2014. We hosted an additional 9 public open house meetings throughout the project area with more than 2,500 people attending. More than 200 people attended FERC’s public scoping meeting in Lebanon County on August 5th. Immediately prior to that meeting, we hosted another ‘mini’ open house so that Lebanon County residents could review maps that had been updated based on stakeholder input we received during our numerous open houses.

We’ve also met with the Lebanon County Farm Preservation Board, the Lebanon Chamber of Commerce Board, representatives from the County Conservation District, and board members from the Lebanon Economic Development Corporation.

Our land agents have been and continue to be actively involved with landowners in the county. We have obtained permission to survey approximately 87 percent of the 146 potentially impacted parcels in the county.

Additionally, as part of the more than 400 routing adjustments that have been made across the area since the project was introduced, we’ve addressed three major routing concerns in the county submitted by Commissioner Litz: 1) avoiding Swatara State Park, 2) minimizing impacts to Lebanon Valley College, and 3) avoiding Lickdale Elementary School by more than three quarters of a mile.

During our first round of community grants, more than $52,000 was awarded to six organizations in Lebanon County including four emergency responder units.

We believe that these efforts have gone a long way to build trust and serve as the foundation of a long lasting relationship with the Lebanon County community and its residents.
To further demonstrate our desire for transparency about the project, we would like to invite the commissioners and the leaders of other pertinent county departments including the Emergency Management Agency, the Conservation District, the Cooperative Extension, Road Permits, Transportation and any other department the Commissioners deem necessary, to attend a project update meeting. This meeting would not be open to the public, but we would be willing to extend an invitation to 2 leaders from each of the citizens' groups you referred to in your letter. We would work with your office to schedule this meeting at a date and time that would work best for the Commissioners and group leaders.

We feel that such a meeting would be the best way to have a substantive conversation about the project and answer questions about the overall project and next steps in the regulatory process.

We look forward to hearing from you soon. In the meantime, if you or your constituents have questions about the project, please submit them to atlanticsunrise@williams.com.

Sincerely

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