

January 8, 2016

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
888 First Street, N. E.
Washington, D. C. 20426

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Re: Supplemental Comments of the Lancaster County Conservancy
Atlantic Sunrise Project, Docket CP15-138-000

Dear Commissioners,

I am writing as CEO of the Lancaster County Conservancy to supplement previous comments provided by our Board, members, and supporters regarding the impact of the Atlantic Sunrise Project on preserved natural lands in Lancaster County.

The Conservancy has worked with its many preservation partners at the national, state, and local level, and with the applicant, to reduce the impacts to preserved and natural lands, should this Project be approved. We agree with the comments, recently submitted on behalf of the Lancaster Farmland Trust, that Lancaster County is unique in its mix of incredibly productive farmland and very limited forests. Our critical forests maintain the quality and quantity of the water needed to farm these lands and support populations both within Lancaster County and downstream in the Chesapeake Bay area. Lancaster County has less than 15% of its land in forests. Very few intact larger blocks of forest (50 acres or more) remain. These lands are critical to the health of not just Lancaster County citizens but also to those who rely on clean water downstream. We have consistently maintained that a certain number of these natural preserved lands have exceptional, unique eco-systems and native plant colonies that should not be disturbed.

We echo the comments of Lancaster Farmland Trust that public investment in preserved lands in Lancaster County is unique. We have worked with our partners for over 45 years to protect our limited forests and maintain interior forest habitat while providing recreational, environmental, and health benefits to the public. The public has invested over 40 million



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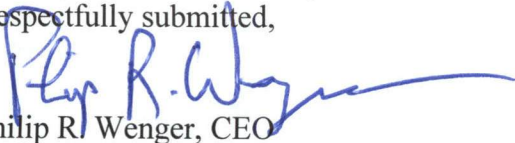
dollars in direct acquisition costs and tens of millions of dollars in funds to steward the 4,470 acres of land we protect. This land is held for, and open to, the public. The majority of these limited forest blocks are along the Lower Susquehanna River. They are the last opportunity we have to clean the waters emptying into the River. We protect streams and riparian buffers for over 50 tributaries that empty into the Susquehanna River.

We urge the Commissioners to consider the impact that any additional proposed route changes would have on these unique tracts of land that protect water supplies and clean the air for the public. Pipeline impacts to forests are forever. The trees are not permitted to be replanted, the interior forest habitat is fragmented, the ability of the lands to clean the air and water is compromised, and the public investment is lost forever.

Lancaster County is a unique place and our large quantity of protected and preserved lands are one of the features that make us different from many communities. Please be certain that the pipeline, if built, stays off these unique, preserved, and natural tracts.

Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Respectfully submitted,



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cc: Board of Lancaster County Conservancy