

Williams Partners Receives Key Pennsylvania DEP and U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Permits for Atlantic Sunrise Project; Receives FERC Approval to Place Portion of Project into Service on Sept. 1

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- Company will immediately commence the process of requesting FERC's Notice to Proceed for all remaining construction
- Greenfield pipeline construction in Pennsylvania expected to commence early this fall
- Modifications to existing Transco facilities in Virginia and Maryland will be placed into service Sept. 1
- Critical energy infrastructure connects abundant, cost-effective Pennsylvania gas supply with East Coast markets; Supports 8,000 jobs, \$1.6 billion economic impact in project area

TULSA, Okla.--(BUSINESS WIRE)--Williams Partners L.P. (NYSE: WPZ) today reported that the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (PADEP) and U.S. Army Corps of Engineers have issued required permits for the Atlantic Sunrise pipeline project – an expansion of the existing Transco natural gas pipeline to connect abundant Marcellus gas supplies with markets in the Mid-Atlantic and Southeastern U.S.

PADEP & USACE Permits

The company received the Chapter 105 (Water Obstruction and Encroachment) and Chapter 102 (Erosion and Sediment Control) permits from PADEP on Aug. 30 and the Clean Water Act Section 404 permit from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers on Aug. 29.

The receipt of these remaining state and federal permits will allow the company to immediately commence the process of requesting a Notice to Proceed with construction from the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC), targeting commencing greenfield pipeline construction in Pennsylvania this fall. The full project capacity is scheduled to be placed into service in mid-2018.

Early Partial Mainline Service

The company also reported today that, in advance of the greenfield portion of the project coming into service, it has received Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) approval to place a portion of the project into service early and, accordingly, expects to begin partial service Sept. 1, providing 400,000 dth/day of firm transportation service on Transco's existing mainline facilities to various delivery points as far south as Choctaw County, Alabama. The partial service milestone is the result of recently completed modifications to existing Transco facilities in Virginia and Maryland designed to further accommodate bi-directional flow on the existing Transco pipeline system.

Company Perspective

"We are very pleased to have reached these important milestones for the Atlantic Sunrise project," said Alan Armstrong, Williams' president and chief executive officer. "This vital project will leverage existing infrastructure to deliver economic growth and help millions of Americans gain access to affordable Pennsylvania-produced clean-burning natural gas."

Micheal Dunn, Williams' executive vice president and chief operating officer, commented: "The Atlantic Sunrise project has been through a rigorous, thorough review process in Pennsylvania and we are committed to installing this important infrastructure in an environmentally responsible manner and in compliance with the state's high environmental standards."

The FERC authorized the project in February 2017, concluding that environmental impacts associated with the project would be reduced to "less than significant levels" with the implementation of mitigation measures proposed by the company and FERC.

About Atlantic Sunrise

Once complete, the Atlantic Sunrise expansion will help alleviate infrastructure bottlenecks in Pennsylvania, connecting abundant Marcellus gas supplies with markets in the Mid-Atlantic and Southeastern U.S. The nearly \$3 billion expansion of the existing Transco natural gas pipeline is designed to increase deliveries by 1.7 billion cubic feet per day (enough to provide daily service to seven million homes). Williams Partners' net investment in the Atlantic Sunrise project is expected to be approximately \$1.9 billion. Pennsylvania State University researchers forecast the Atlantic Sunrise project to directly and indirectly support approximately 8,000 jobs in the 10 Pennsylvania counties during the project's construction phase, resulting in an estimated \$1.6 billion economic impact in the project area.

Additional information about the Atlantic Sunrise project can be found at www.williams.com/atlanticsunrise.

About Williams & Williams Partners

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