

FERC Approves Transco Pipeline Project

After an extensive review, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) has approved a proposal to expand certain segments of its Transco pipeline to deliver additional natural gas supplies to local gas distribution companies located along the Atlantic Seaboard by the 2015/2016 heating season.

Williams is providing this newsletter to parties who may be affected or have an interest in the proposal.

The Leidy Southeast Expansion Project has been designed to increase the Transco pipeline’s capacity by 525,000 dekatherms of natural gas per day (enough natural gas to serve about two million homes). The proposal would involve the construction of approximately 30 total miles of additional pipe segments, called loops, in Pennsylvania (Luzerne & Monroe counties) and New Jersey (Somerset, Hunterdon & Mercer counties), in addition to modifying some existing pipeline facilities. By maximizing the use of our existing transmission corridor, our goal is to minimize the impact on property owners and the environment.

Pipeline construction is scheduled to commence as early as March 2015. It is planned to last approximately eight months.

Since January 2013 the company has been involved in the FERC pre-filing process, soliciting input from citizens, governmental entities and numerous other interested parties to identify and address issues with potential facility locations. The proposal approved by



FERC reflects some adjustments to the original pipeline alignment introduced nearly two years ago – most a direct result of stakeholder input.

“This FERC approval is a milestone and the culmination of a tremendous collaborative effort. We are very grateful for all of those who participated in this process. We also sincerely appreciate the cooperation we have received from property owners, permitting agencies and other interested parties whose assistance has helped bring us where we are today,” said John Todd, Williams project manager.

“As we enter the construction phase of this project, we are committed to working with affected communities

and property owners to ensure these new facilities are constructed in a prompt, safe and environmentally sensitive manner,” added Todd.

Prior to receiving federal approval, the FERC issued an Environmental Assessment (EA) in August 2014. The EA is a comprehensive assessment of the environmental effects of the pipeline project. The EA concluded that the construction and operation of the proposed facilities, with the adoption of recommended mitigation measures, would not significantly affect the environment.

If your property is affected by construction, you can expect to be contacted by a Transco land representative prior to construction to share more details about the construction process. Transco land representatives are available before, during and after construction to answer any questions you may have.

The Transco pipeline is a 10,200-mile pipeline system which transports natural gas to markets throughout the northeastern and southeastern United States. It transports about 10 percent of the nation’s natural gas.

Project Schedule		
January	2013	FERC pre-filing process began
April	2013	Open houses and information meetings
June	2013	FERC scoping hearings
September	2013	FERC 7(c) application submittal
November	2014	FERC order issued
January	2015	Begin compressor station construction
March	2015	Pipeline construction
December	2015	Target in-service

Frequently Asked Questions About the Leidy Southeast Project



Pipeline construction is anticipated to begin in the spring of 2015.

How long will pipe loop construction last?

Construction of the pipeline loops would occur between March and November 2015, although the majority of work in any one area would typically be completed in six to eight weeks. Tree clearing could begin as early as February 2015. Williams would put the project into service in December 2015.

What are your typical construction work hours?

Standard construction operating hours are 7 a.m. to 7 p.m., Monday through Saturday, but may vary to be in compliance with local ordinances. This daily schedule allows optimal use of daylight hours and offers safer construction conditions during peak construction season.

How will you construct around septic systems?

Williams' land agents will handle septic system issues as they arise on a case-by-case basis and in a timely manner, as this is a very important issue for landowners. If the pipeline's new proposed right-of-way impacts an existing septic system, then the company will take responsibility for having it repaired, or replaced/relocated off the right-of-way, with the landowner's permission (assuming that there is room).

What will the company do to protect water wells?

Williams' land agents will solicit input from each affected landowner about the number and location of water wells that are present on their property. Prior to construction, Williams will seek landowner permission to test all wells within 150 feet of the construction footprint before and after construction. Any problems with tested water wells after construction begins will be promptly resolved by the company.

Will blasting be required during construction?

Based on its prior pipeline construction experience in the project area, Williams does not anticipate that blasting would be necessary for project construction.

Is construction vibration something that is monitored?

Williams offers vibration monitoring for home structures for interested landowners. This would consist of both pre-construction and post-construction structural analysis of foundations and structures by a professional structural engineering firm.

Will topsoil be segregated from subsoil?

Topsoil will be segregated (removed and stored in a pile or on the right-of-way along the edge of the construction

right-of-way) in residential areas at the beginning of construction and then the topsoil will be replaced after the pipe is installed. The subsoil, which receives the bulk of the construction traffic, will be tested and decompacted as necessary by the contractor with a disc/harrow or chisel plow. In Williams' experience, soils within the right-of-way (footprint) don't typically exhibit percolation problems.

How do you plan to control dust during construction?

The contractor will use water trucks to keep the construction travel lane sprinkled wherever dust becomes a problem.

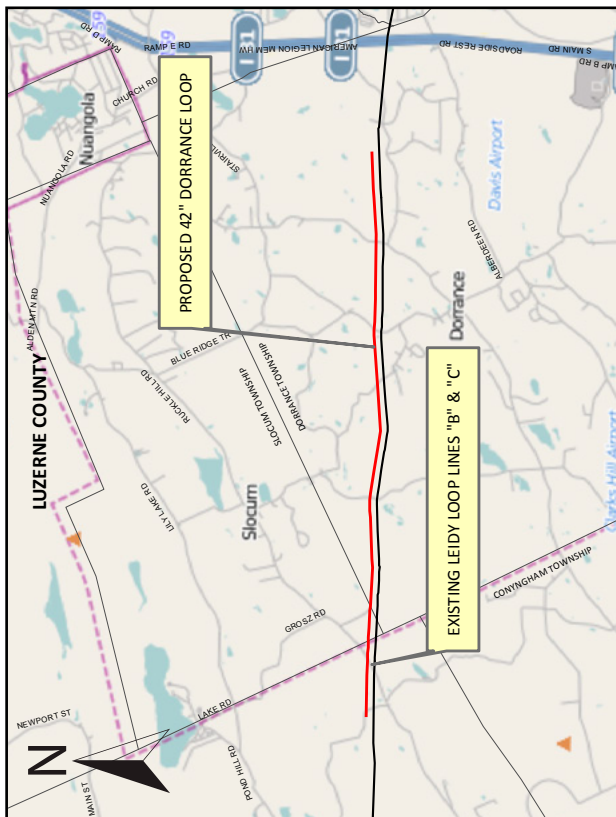
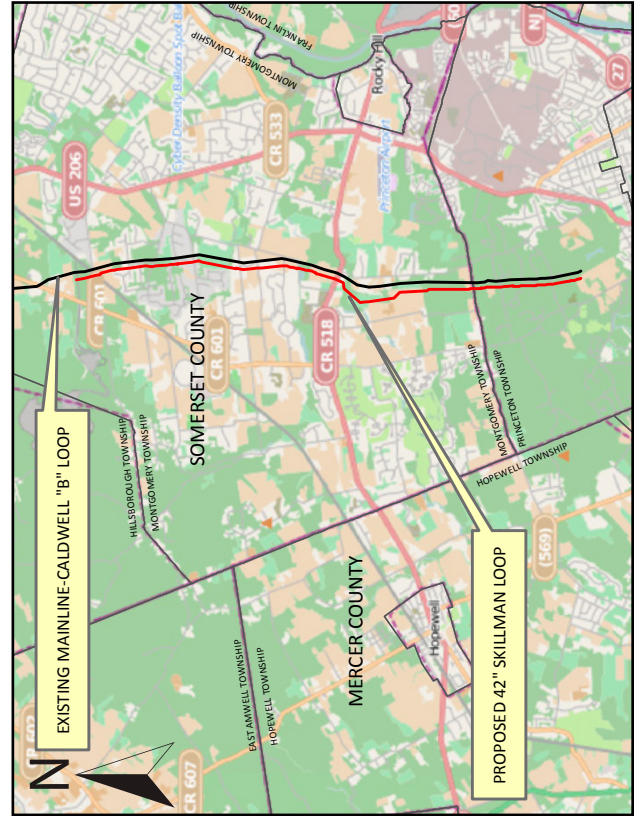
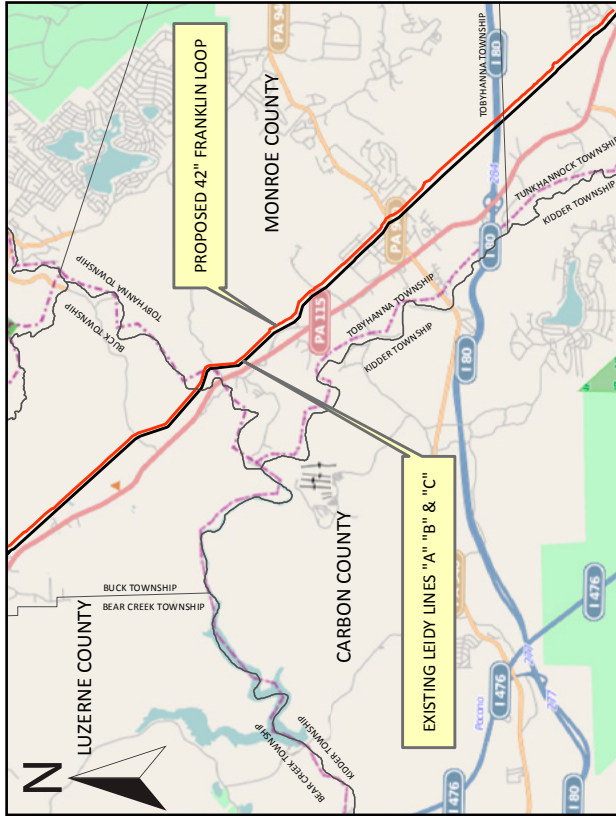
How will you restore my land after pipeline construction?

Williams' land agents will meet with all directly affected landowners to assess any particular issues or concerns that the landowner may have, such as impact to landscaping or structures such as fences, sheds or playground equipment. Landowners will be compensated for physical damages to property not restored by our contractor following construction. Land disturbed during the construction period will be returned to as close to original condition as possible. Agricultural lands will be properly restored using approved, modern mitigation techniques designed to ensure full productive reuse of the agricultural lands.

How do you ensure the safety of your pipeline?

We have a comprehensive pipeline integrity management program, which includes monitoring of the pipe 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Our integrity management program exceeds federal industry guidelines in a number of critical areas. Field personnel inspect the pipeline with vehicle, aerial and foot patrols on a regular basis.

Proposed Pipeline Loop Locations





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Proposed Major Facility Modifications		
State	County	Scope
PA	Luzerne	5.31 miles of 42-inch pipe (Dorrance Loop)
PA	Luzerne/Monroe	11.47 miles of 42-inch pipe (Franklin Loop)
PA	Luzerne	Existing compressor facility modifications
PA	Lycoming	Existing compressor facility modifications
PA	Columbia	Existing compressor facility modifications
NJ	Somerset/Hunterdon	6.92 miles of 42-inch pipe (Pleasant Run Loop)
NJ	Somerset/Mercer	6.18 miles of 42-inch pipe (Skillman Loop)
NJ	Mercer	Existing compressor facility modifications