

June 11, 2010

Rosemary Chiavetta, Secretary  
Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission  
Post Office Box 3265  
Harrisburg, PA 17105

Re: *En Banc* Hearing of the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission on  
Jurisdictional Issues Related to Marcellus Shale Gas Development, Docket  
No. I-2010-2163461

Dear Ms. Chiavetta:

I oppose the pipeline companies being granted "utility" status which would give them the right to eminent domain in PA as it puts unfair burdens on taxpayers while accelerating the Marcellus Shale development which is moving forward unsafely, contaminating water in over seven PA counties so far.

"Utility status" would enable gas companies not to deliver efficiently and safely in state, but to put gas quickly on the wholesale market, increasing profits without increasing safety;

Pipeline safety regulations are outdated and must be updated before "utility" status is even considered;

Economic injustice: a two-tier system with lower safety standards in rural areas is unacceptable, when pipelines explode or leak, workers' lives and rural lives, and rural ecosystems, are just as important to protect as urban areas.

I live in Dimock and daily fear that my drinking water supply will be permanently polluted. The gas industry has been allowed to get away with polluting our ground waters and air in many states, including PA. They do not currently possess the technology to safely transport natural gas.

Sincerely,  
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