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Washington, DC 20515-3806

June 26, 2008

The Honorable Joseph T. Kelliher Chairman Federal Energy Regulatory Commission 888 First Street, NE Washington, DC 20426

RE: FERC Docket No. CP08-31-000

Dear Chairman Kelliher:

I am writing to express my opposition to the Williams Sentinel expansion project in Chester County as currently proposed. The town meeting held on June 16, 2008 did not adequately address the existing concerns that I and many of my constituents have with the project and, in fact, it only raised more questions about the project's scope, impact and appropriateness.

Many unanswered questions remain regarding both the temporary and permanent rights-of-way requests for the project and the impact that the expansion will have on the environment. There is great concern that the project, as currently proposed, will produce excessive water run-off in many areas and I am very concerned about Williams' failure to adequately reach out to the Chester County Planning Commission and Conservation District officials for input, review and environmental evaluation of the current plans. The lack of dialogue and cooperation with local environmental and planning officials is particularly troubling in light of the concerns raised by citizens over the use of outdated maps and source information in the creation of the project plan.

Attached you will find my most recent correspondence to Williams following up on several concerns raised at the June 16 meeting. I am asking that the Commission not issue any order until all of the information I have requested is provided to my office and I and my constituents and local officials have had adequate time to review and comment.

I appreciate your cooperation and attention to this matter. Should you have any questions please feel free to contact me.

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(202) 225–4315 FAX: (202) 225–8440 With kind regards, I am

Sincerely,

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Member of Congress

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