

# **Stakeholders**

Pipeline Politics Lafayette College Engineering Studies



# Stakeholders in Pipeline Certification Process

### State agency carrying out federal process

- Has authority under federal law to implement federal program (e.g. Clean Water Act, CZMA consistency)

### State agency carrying out state program

- Authority under state law to ensure compliance with state programs for environmental protection or safety

### County or municipality

- Empowered by state law or constitution to carry out county or municipal provisions to protect environment or safety

#### Non-governmental organization (NGO)

- Protects special interests (environment, business, etc...) that are subject of its character

#### Landowner w/ land directly affected

Protecting property

## Stakeholders in PennEast Pipeline Certification Process

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

- An independent, Federal, executive agency
- Regulates interstate transmission of natural gas
- Reviews proposals to build liquefied natural gas terminals and interstate natural gas pipelines
- Approves siting and abandonment of interstate natural gas pipelines and storage facilities
- Make approvals in accordance with NEPA Act

### PennEast Pipeline Company, LLC

- Provides permits, reviews, & consultations to agencies i.e. Federal, PA, NJ, county, & commission to construct, maintain, then abandon pipeline
- Provides up-to-date information to stakeholders
- Also involves operators, regulators, contractor & trade associations, pipeline makers, laborers, etc.

### The Public

- Retain an attorney if expecting pipeline route will directly affect part of property
- Always use an attorney if approached by pipeline company with an easement
- Pipeline "intervention" grants official stakeholder rights, but comes with responsibilities
- Voice interest: participate, organize, comply w/ rules

### **Public Education**

- Open houses hosted by PennEast Pipeline Co.
- Letter of invitation from PennEast Pipeline Co. to landowners, agency representatives, elected officials, and community leaders
- Advertisements in newspapers that include the invitation and map; advertise open houses
- News release to local media and on Project website

### Suggested Literature

"Knowing and Protecting Your Rights When an Interstate Gas Pipeline Comes to Your Community"

-Law Offices of Carolyn Elefant-

"Special Report 281: Transmission Pipelines and Land Use: A Risk-Informed Approach"

-Transportation Board of the National Academies
"An Interstate Natural Gas Facility on My Land? What Do I Need to Know?"

-Federal Energy Regulatory Commission-