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Re: Commonwealth Pipeline

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Dear Board,

While the proposed Commonwealth Pipeline may in fact be a "new" pipeline I assure you that natural gas has been leaving Lycoming County in route to Chester County for decades.

I know because I rented equipment to the contractors that rebuilt the existing pipeline in the late 1980's, and I sold equipment to Sun Pipeline in Williamsport that was shuttled back and forth between Williamsport and Honeybrook depending on the work that needed to be done.

Honestly, how do you think your stove or furnace works if you use natural gas? It has to come from somewhere into your home, right?

As you travel PA's highways and byways take note of the 50 to 100 yard wide clear paths through woods and fields and see if you don't see a few white pipes with orange caps near the road crossings. Those are valves for gas lines folks. And it is generally much easier in terms of cost for new pipelines to follow the same paths of existing pipelines.

Yes the line will be moved a few yards east or west of the existing line, but they ain't going go at this from scratch unless they have money to burn.

And as far as the gas going to Baltimore it has to either leave the country to be converted to motor fuel or it will have to be converted in the proposed and yet to be built plant on the Chesapeake Bay.

That is the problem with natural gas that all this drilling has done nothing to reduce. In actuality it has only served to enhance the problem by introducing a glut of natural gas into a system that relies primarily on immediate consumption to use the gas.

I said this all along and it looks like it is finally becoming reality, but the fact is that natural gas is only of value when it is in the ground. Once it is freed it loses value quickly unless producers can find an alternate outlet for it.

Seems like they are now actively pursuing alternate outlets? I submit that you ain't seem nothing yet.

Regards,

Tim Murphy 😊

