Rural NEW YORK COMMUNITIES TARGETED for HIGH-VOLUME PIPELINES to MOVE NATURAL GAS OUT OF PENNSYLVANIA to SERVE URBAN NEW ENGLAND AND EXPORT MARKETS.

The El Paso Pipeline Group, largest interstate gas pipeline corporation in the US, proposes to build a pipeline to transport Pennsylvania Marcellus gas through our region to urban New England and export markets. It will seek permits from state and federal agencies. The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) describes its priorities:

“the Commission must continue to respond quickly when companies propose to expand and construct needed pipelines and related facilities. The Commission has expedited the certification of natural gas pipelines by having Commission staff actively participate in projects that were using the pre-filing process…"

FERC and the state agencies will rubberstamp El Paso’s application.

El Paso expects to have permits in hand by the end of 2013.

ISSUANCE of the FERC PERMIT AUTOMATICALLY ALLOWS EL PASO to USE EMINENT DOMAIN

FEDERAL PERMITTING PROCESSES STYMIE LOCAL CONTROL

“We were never forewarned . . . by any of our representatives in the upper levels of government . . .

“[Tennessee Gas Pipeline briefed DEC and governor’s office on this project in December 2011] . . . they gave us a 9x12 sheet of paper . . . no one could decipher exactly where the line was running through the county, let alone the towns . . .

“We asked if they had sought any advice from County Planning and the answer to that was ‘No’, and they also informed us that on the 10th of February they were looking to start canvassing our residents in an attempt to secure a 50-foot right-of-way [50-foot permanent easement, 75- to 100-foot construction easement] and suggested a one-time compensation for this right-of-way which nothing could ever be built on . . .

“. . . they also made it well known that under the Federal [Natural] Gas Act [of 1938], there was little, if anything, we could do to stop this, and that if there were any type of resistance from the property owners that eminent domain would probably be instituted . . .”

— Schoharie Town Supervisor Gene Milone


PIPELINES

Pipeline easements are forever. Many leases do not specify the location of the easements.

The El Paso Pipeline Group / Tennessee Gas Pipeline Co. NORTHEAST EXCHANGE PROJECT (NEx)

Government conspires with corporations to Guarantee permits Use eminent domain Divide communities

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The domain she wrote.

The Eminent Domain of the Marc 1 Line,
IT IS ISSUED nation filings.

In an interview, Earthjustice attorney
In a critical letter to FERC last month, Marc 1's owner said i
Earthjustice, to make safety and
environmental upgrades to the pipeline in
return for support before the PUC

Deborah Goldberg said her group was
concerned that, unlike federal regulators, the
PUC would grant firms eminent
domains rights, yet impose few environmental
controls. Before the owner
Central New York Oil & Gas, won approval, it
similarly assured federal regulators it would
minimize the use of eminent domain.

Goldberg, of Earthjustice, cited the recent
flurry of Marc 1 condemnations
number of condemnation applications and
the speed at which they were submitted
raises significant doubt about whether [the
pipeline's owner] in fact was negotiating with
property owners in good faith,

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