

1 My name is Lisa Van Houten. I am the facilitator for the Bradford Glen HOA Technical
2 Assistance Grant award by the Pipeline Hazardous Material Safety Administration in 2009.

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4 Recently I also became the President of the Bradford Glen HOA. My objective as both
5 facilitator and president is to oversee the safety and maintenance of 250 acres for 490
6 households in the subdivision entitled Victoria Crossing at Bradford Glen located in Chester
7 County.

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9 Of particular concern is the proposed AES LNG Terminal and Mid-Atlantic Pipeline project.
10 Specifically the pipeline that is planned to bisect our neighborhood which is already designated
11 as a High Consequence Area. This project is listed as FERC Docket CP07-62. I am actively
12 engaged in opposing this pipeline on behalf of the HOA.

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14 Under FERC Office Of Energy Projects there is a guidance article for pre-filing involvement.
15 This document is non-committal but simply "encourages" the applicant to "engage" with the
16 public and other agencies. Furthermore it states, "The project sponsor will provide third-party
17 contractor options for staff selection." This is like putting the fox in charge of the hen house
18 when it comes to sighting a pipeline.

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20 In addition there are 12 other Federal Agencies that may or may not be involved and more on
21 a gas emergency action rather than sighting and planning. So in an emergency who are these
22 Federal Agencies going to call? You the states and the pipeline owner.

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24 So how will Bill HB1817 benefit the Commonwealth and participating States? The state and
25 their agencies have a much better understanding of their jurisdiction than a Federal Agency.
26 This includes population and economic growth areas, road infrastructure strengths and
27 weaknesses, environmental infrastructure including water, farming, energy and wildlife
28 resources.

1 This compact will help states, their constituents and respective state agencies to collaborate
2 and align their resources that will provide sustainability, plan and allow for population
3 expansion, economic growth and resource extraction while improving the long range planning,
4 sighting and safety of pipelines thus fulfilling the regional energy transmission as required
5 under the National Environmental Policy Act and National Gas Act.
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7 I therefore encourage this Committee to move this Bill forward to pro-actively protect and plan
8 for the Commonwealth and its citizens and lead in the regional energy distribution process.
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10 Thank-you for this opportunity to testify.