



4300 Wilson Boulevard
Arlington, Virginia 22203

[date]

[address]

Re: Proposed Mid-Atlantic Express Natural Gas Pipeline

Dear [landowner]:

It has come to my attention that you may have received a letter from Mr. David R. Craig, Harford County Executive, regarding a natural gas pipeline that has been proposed in your area by Mid-Atlantic Express, LLC, which is a subsidiary of The AES Corporation. Mr. Craig delivered a similar letter to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission ("FERC"). My partial response to Mr. Craig's letter to FERC is included for your information. A complete response will be possible only after we have completed the studies and analyses I mention in the latter part of my response to Mr. Craig.

I am writing to you personally to provide additional facts in regard to the County Executive's letter to you, and to further explain the reasons we have requested access to your property.

The access and survey process for the natural gas pipeline project we are proposing is intended to gather information so that impacts to persons and the environment can be avoided, minimized, or appropriately mitigated should the project be approved. More importantly, it is our best opportunity to learn about any concerns and issues that you may have regarding your property and the proposed natural gas pipeline, and to begin to resolve those issues in a manner satisfactory to you. Identification of potential areas of impact is needed so that avoidance, minimization, or mitigation plans can be properly implemented. For example, if we can avoid a well or septic field, we will strive to do so; if we can minimize areas of vegetation that must be altered, we will do so; if we cannot avoid a wetland area, we will first try to minimize the impact to it, then design a mitigation plan that might include in-kind replacement or setting aside other wetland areas in protected status. Our surveys are also intended to identify any archaeological sites that may need to be preserved (i.e., avoided by the pipeline) or properly handled.

Your cooperation in this regard will help us plan in advance prior to the time we will formally submit our request to FERC to consider approval of the proposed project. It will also help us to make appropriate changes while we still are at this early stage of project planning. The investigations may also uncover "show-stoppers" that require us to re-

think the project altogether. As noted in my letter to Mr. Craig, we expect to file that application later this year.

Regarding Mr. Craig's advice to carefully evaluate your legal rights, I commend his concern during this election year for those he represents. To help you in this process, I recommend you consult the FERC website at www.ferc.gov/industries/gas. For you information, I have also included with this letter a publication from the FERC website titled "An Interstate Natural Gas Facility on My Land? What Do I Need to Know?" For further information on the pipeline project itself, refer to our website at www.mid-atlanticexpress.com.

Sincerely,

Kent J. Morton
Project Director

Enclosures (2)

cc: David R. Craig, Harford County Executive (w/o enclosures)
All Harford County Council Members (w/o enclosures)