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To whom it may concern:

I am writing to provide comments on the Marcellus Shale drilling being done and proposed in PA. I am a life-long resident of southwestern PA and, like many residents, am very concerned about the potential damage to our natural resources as a result of gas companies' drilling for natural gas via suspected Marcellus Shale deposits.

However, unlike most Pennsylvanians, I have had the unfortunate experience of directly dealing with Equitrans and have first-hand experience with their total and complete disregard for rules, regulations, recorded legal documents and just as important, concern for the environment. When it became necessary for them to replace an inter-state gas transmission line located on my property; they made promises which they apparently had no intent of keeping as it had to do with a line of 50+year old trees growing on my property. Despite the fact that we (as well as other neighbors) were promised that the trees would not be cut down, they waited until no one was home and proceeded to cut down almost 50% of the trees. Of course, once the damage was done, it could not be un-done. I could fill pages here with the demeaning manner in which Equitrans (their legal department in particular) dealt with our issues and complaints, but will not bore you with the details, unless you would like to contact me for those. There was also much communication with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, without whose help I would be even more incensed with the damage done to my property.

Suffice it to say that any project that Equitrans is involved with scares the heck out of me as it pertains to their record of concern for natural resources. They have proven themselves to be liars and cheats and will do virtually anything to complete a project on time and under budget; the public, trees, and I suspect creeks and rivers be damned! If it sounds like I am bitter, you can bet your bottom dollar on that comment. I have never been treated with such blatant disregard by a "professional" organization. The damage they unnecessarily did to my property (by their own admittance) is irreversable....the same as damage to a creek or river by their irresponsible behavior will be.

DO NOT GRANT EQUITRANS ANY RIGHTS TO DRILL MARCELLUS SHALE!!! THEY CANNOT BE TRUSTED!!!

Thank you for providing this venue for public comments.

Regards,

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