

Pipeline proposal will affect Greene County, Pennsylvania

GREENE COUNTY -- Equitrans LP, a subsidiary of EQT Corp., has filed with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission to build a new natural gas pipeline in Pennsylvania and West Virginia.

Equitrans plans to construct and operate about 41.5 miles of 24-inch-diameter pipeline and 2.7 miles of 16-inch-diameter pipeline, a new compressor station in Jefferson Borough, Greene County, and other facilities in northern West Virginia and Southwestern Pennsylvania.

Copies of the application may be viewed at Eva K. Bowlby Public Library, 311 North West St., Waynesburg, Greene County Library System, 107 Hatfield St., Jefferson, and at Hundred Public Library, Route 250, Hundred, W.Va.

Last summer, several public open houses were held detailing the construction and operation of the proposed Sunrise Project, a federally regulated natural gas pipeline system that will serve shale gas producers and transporters in the Southwestern Pennsylvania and Northern West Virginia regions of the Marcellus Shale formation.

The Sunrise Project primarily follows existing Equitrans pipelines. From a proposed compressor station near Jefferson in Greene County, the Sunrise Project continues south and west through Greene County. After crossing the state line into West Virginia, a pipeline continues south through Wetzel County, W.Va., and terminates near West Union in Doddridge County.

In east-central Wetzel County, a second line continues east and south through Marion and Harrison counties and terminates in western Taylor County. A second compressor station is proposed near Shinnston, W.Va.

Open houses were held in the West Greene Middle-Senior High School cafeteria and at the 4-H building, Greene County Fairgrounds.

At each of the open houses, the project team displayed photos showing the approximate location of the proposed pipeline. In addition, project staff provided information about the project.

Questions or comments about the project can be submitted by calling 1-866-687-5427 or sending an e-mail to Sunrise@eqt.com.