## **Williams Pipeline Proposal**

Kemper Consulting represents <u>Williams</u>, a 100-year old company that builds and operates natural gas pipeline infrastructure. Operations touch about 20 percent of the nation's natural gas. Williams operates the <u>Transco interstate pipeline system</u>, which delivers about 10 percent of the nation's natural gas and has been operating in Virginia since the 1950s. It includes about 850 miles of pipe in Virginia, delivering about one-quarter of the natural gas consumed in the state.

Recent press accounts in your area have reported that Williams is in the process of developing a pipeline project that would connect Western Marcellus and Utica natural gas supply areas in northern West Virginia with Williams' existing Transco natural gas pipeline.

Williams is still in the very preliminary stages of planning. The first step in this long process is identifying whether or not the new infrastructure is needed. If enough interest exists and Williams can reach agreements with customers, then it would begin the long regulatory process required to permit new natural gas pipeline infrastructure. That would not likely happen until sometime next year.

A pipeline route has not been developed. Williams is in the early stages of performing a desktop analysis to identify a study area for a potential route.

You will be contacted if the project moves forward and if it is in your area. And if it moves forward, Williams will begin the formal process of conducting field surveys and meeting with landowners, communities and other stakeholders to solicit feedback and further define the route. Ultimately it would become part of the project application Williams would eventually file with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.

Please do not hesitate to contact us if we can of service or assistance,

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