



Williams Appalachian Basin Area
51 Warren Street
Tunkhannock, PA 18657

January 2, 2013

The Honorable Carolyn Price
Windsor Town Hall
124 Main Street
Windsor, NY 13865

Dear Carolyn,

Since our last letter to you, Williams has made significant progress on dampening the sound coming from our Dunbar compressor station located on Patterson Road which we purchased from Laser in Feb. 2012. I am writing to share with you the status of the work undertaken to mitigate sound and the findings of our most recent sound survey, conducted on Nov. 27, 2012.

As we had committed to you, Williams has implemented measures recommended by our acoustical consultant to include: enclosed the bottom portion of the vertical engine coolers, filled gaps and insulated exhaust piping; and most recently, installed new high performance exhaust silencers. Once installation was complete, a sound survey was conducted to measure any progress made. While there is more work to be done before we achieve full compliance, we are particularly pleased by the significant reduction of decibel levels at residences at which readings were taken.

Sound level measurements taken in the area of surrounding residences show a drop of least 3.2 decibels to as many as 9.8 decibels since Williams first began sound mitigation work.

Moreover, the sound survey shows the station remains in compliance with the Public Service Commission's Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need condition and now meets the Town of Windsor's decibel requirements at nine of the ten property line survey locations.

We recognize that until we meet the requirement at each of the ten survey locations, we are not in compliance. For that reason we are planning additional work as recommended by our acoustical consultant which we believe will bring the remaining location into full compliance. Specifically, we plan to retrofit and switch fans to on Unit 4 to ultra low –noise fans and replace the three vertical coolers on units 1-3 with ultra low noise style electric motor driven horizontal coolers.

Work to install the new fans and coolers will begin in Feb. 2013 and we expect it to continue into April. Like the installation of the exhaust silencers, this will be a significant construction project and you can expect to see heavy equipment moved to and from the facility. You may also be able to hear some of the construction activities between the hours of 7 a.m. and 7 p.m.

We do apologize for any inconvenience and will work to move the project forward as quickly as is safely possible.

Soon after the work is complete we will conduct another sound survey to determine the impact the silencers have had on decibels levels. As before, our next steps will be dictated by what the survey reveals.

Based upon the long term ambient sound level survey, the Town of Windsor's criteria for night time is ambient noise level (40.2 decibels) plus three decibels, for a night time criteria of 43.2 decibels. Because the night time criteria is more stringent than the daytime criteria, the night time criteria was used to determine Dunbar Compressor Station's compliance with the Town of Windsor's sound requirements

We remain committed to meeting the decibel requirements established by the Town of Windsor and will continue to make the necessary modifications to meet that goal.

Williams representatives will attend the Jan. 9, Windsor Town meeting and will be available to answer questions you might have about our sound mitigation efforts and our operations. Please also feel free to phone Helen Humphreys at 412.303.6676 or email her at Helen.Humphreys@williams.com.

Respectfully,

Michael Dickinson
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Williams, Appalachian Basin Area

cc: Town of Windsor