Pipeline proposal for madison county

When a large gas pipeline confronted culton goodalt about putting a pipeline on his family farm a lot of questions needed to be asked and answered in order to make his decision. These decisions aren't easy and take a lot of thought and consideration. In my opinion Mr.Goodalt should say no to the pipeline and these are my reasons why he should.

There are many reasons why the pipeline should be denied on his property the first reason being it is bad for the environment and one's health that the pipeline will single handedly destroy a large section of his farm. Fracking may cause major health issue such as cancer. Some of the chemicals they use are radioactive and those chemicals get pumped into the ground to retrieve the natural gas but pumping those chemicals in the ground you also have to deal with the fact that some of the chemicals and natural gas will leak into the ground water contaminating it. With a river running through the property and the proximity to the pipeline the river may become contaminated with the chemicals and natural gas killing the local wildlife that lives in the river and drinks out of it. Installing the actual pipeline requires trees to be cut down for a path of the pipeline that is ranges from 60 -120 feet wide. The area that the trees get cut down will never grow back and you will only have soil that will eventually eroid due to having not glass or trees to protect it. Gas leaks are also a threat to the property if a gas leak happens sometimes it can build up pressure and explode causing massive amounts of damage.

The second reason for saying no is natural gas is a temporary fix on not using other fossil fuels such as coal. Yes using natural gas cuts back on our dependence on foreign oil and its a cheap alternative fuel but its not a permanent fix to our problem. Once the gas reserve in the area on virginia runs out the pipeline will be shut down and the pipe will stay on your property even after the gas reserve is up. Like mention earlier the pipeline may leak and cause issues to the surrounding areas.

If you are still considering letting the pipeline company build on your property get a lawyer so you can have the proper representation and get the proper amount of compensation for your land being used. You want to make a contract that will require the company to fix and clean any leaks that happen on the property. When getting compensation for using your property you want to try to get the best deal possible. When considering compensation you want to consider the following things when asking for your compensation. The value of the land where the pipe will be laid you can recieve market value of the property and you want to ask for

square foot because that will also get you the width price for the land also. Also ask for temporary work easement along with the permanent pipeline easement. Asking for the temporary easement will give you compensation for the land that is used while digging the pipeline and the land the heavy equipment is using for storage. Also ask the company to cover damages such as attorney fees, survey cost, and appraiser fees. If you still say no on the pipeline know your state laws on eminent domain. In the state of virginia the limitations on eminent domain 1-219.1 state that "the right to private property being a fundamental right, general assembly shall not pass any law whereby private property shall be taken or damage for public uses without compensation"

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