



April 29, 2011

Mr. William G. Kiger  
President  
PA One Call  
925 Irwin Run Road  
West Mifflin, PA 15122

**Re: Armstrong Gas Line Damage**

Dear Mr. Kiger:

I am writing to inform and to express our concern regarding an avoidable incident that recently occurred on one of our jobsites.

On April 8, 2011 a Penn Line Service crew was installing guiderail along Rt. 403, Clymer, Indiana County, PA and struck an unmarked gas line. On April 4, 2011 Penn Line supervisor Denny Burkett made a telephone call to PA One Call to have the jobsite marked for underground utilities. I have included the corresponding ticket # 20110941097 for your review. The lawful dig date for this ticket was April 7, 2011 – April 18, 2011. The PA One Call Automated Response Service indicated that Columbia Gas of PA Inc., New Bethlehem was the gas provider and had no gas lines in the area. However, while pounding a steel post, the Penn Line crew struck an unmarked gas line that was buried no more than 1- 1/2-ft deep. The crew foreman immediately called PA One Call and 911 to alert the local Emergency Management System that they had struck a gas line and it was leaking. The local fire department responded and a man who identified himself as the department chief shut the gas valve. Columbia Gas was called to the site and they advised that this was not their gas line. It was later discovered the line was owned by Armstrong Gas.

I called Mr. Steve Tatrai of PA One Call to advise that the area was not marked properly and to express my concern. He informed me that Armstrong Gas was not a member of the One Call system and they and other shallow well drilling companies are exempt from the Act and are not required to be members. We find this fact very troubling and disagree with these exemptions. This gas line was not in the middle of some remote location. It was located on a street in a borough next to homes and businesses. There was no evidence there was a gas well or underground gas line in the area. When our crew struck this line the safety of everyone near this location was jeopardized. The fact that

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Armstrong Gas was not required to mark their lines created an unnecessary, unsafe condition for our employees and the general public.

As contractors we are required to schedule our work so there is time to have the utilities lines marked by their owners and we work very hard to comply with all regulations and beyond. Penn Line exercised due care and used prudent techniques to avoid underground utilities at this location. I'm not sure what we could have done differently to avoid this incident when our crews received a clear ticket and there was no evidence of underground facilities. While this incident reduced profits through loss of man-hours and equipment time, our main concern is the safety our employees and the general public. We would truly like to understand what further steps we could take to prevent future problems.

Would you kindly contact me directly at 724-887-2106 and provide the necessary steps Penn Line can take to avoid another similar incident? Thank you in advance for your assistance.

Very truly yours,

PENN LINE SERVICE, INC.

Nancy Stull  
Casualty Claims Manager

Enclosure

cc: Paul Metro, Public Utility Commission  
Brenda Reigal, PA Utility Contractors Association  
Paul Mongell, Penn Line Service, Inc.

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PENNSYLVANIA ONE CALL SYSTEM, INC.  
 AUTOMATED RESPONSE SERVICE

Excavator: PENN LINE SVC FOREST CONSTR  
 Telephone #: 7248879110  
 Caller: DENNY BURKETT  
 email: none

Serial Number 20110941097 at the following location:

COUNTY: INDIANA  
 MUNICIPALITY: CLYMER BORO  
 ADDRESS: SR 403  
 NEAREST INTERSECTION: SHERMAN ST  
 SECOND INTERSECTION:  
 LOCATION INFORMATION: AT THE INTER WORKING ON TEMPORARY ROADWAY OFF OF EACH COR OF A  
 TEMPORARY BRIDGE. WORKING APPX 200FT OFF OF EACH COR OF THE BRIDGE.

has been responded to through Pennsylvania One Call System by these facility operators in the following manner:

CDC	MEMBERNAME	STATUS
CBM	CLYMER BOROUGH MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY	MARKED
CMR	CLYMER BOROUGH	CLEAR - NO FACILITIES
FB	VERIZON PENNSYLVANIA INC	CLEAR - NO FACILITIES
HUI	COMCAST	CLEAR - NO FACILITIES
LA	PENNSYLVANIA ELEC CO	MARKED
NB	COLUMBIA GAS OF PA INC-NEW BETHLEHEM	CLEAR - NO FACILITIES

Please call 1-800-222-6470 to hear any Voice Message

Close

CDC 00000 POCS MM/DD/YY TT:TT:TT 20110941097-000 NEW XCAV RTN

=====PENNSYLVANIA UNDERGROUND UTILITY LINE PROTECTION REQUEST=====

Serial Number--[20110941097]-[000] Channel#--[1107019][0229]

Message Type--[NEW][EXCAVATION][ROUTINE]

County--[INDIANA] Municipality--[CLYMER BORO]

Work Site--[SR 403]

Nearest Intersection--[SHERMAN ST]

Second Intersection--[ ]

Subdivision--[ ]

Site Marked in White--[Y]

Location Information--

[AT THE INTER WORKING ON TEMPORARY ROADWAY OFF OF EACH COR OF A TEMPORARY BRIDGE. WORKING APPX 200FT OFF OF EACH COR OF THE BRIDGE.]

Caller Lat/Lon--[ ]

Mapped Type--[P] Mapped Lat/Lon--

[40.670018/-79.013059,40.668952/-79.011273,40.667734/-79.012356, 40.669089/-79.014103]

Map Graphic--[http://www.palcall.org/ViewMap/view.aspx?sn=20110941097]

Type of Work--[INSTL GUIDE RAIL]

Depth--[5FT]

Extent of Excavation--[6IN DIA]

Method of Excavation--[DRIVING IN]

Street--[ ] Sidewalk--[ ] Pub Prop--[X] Pvt Prop--[ ] Other--[BERM]

Lawful Start Dates--[07-Apr-11] Through [18-Apr-11]

Scheduled Excavation Date--[07-Apr-11] Dig Time--[0700] Duration--[1 DAY]

Response Due Date--[06-Apr-11]

Caller--[DENNY BURKETT]

Phone--[724-887-9110] Ext--[ ]

Excavator--[PENN LINE SVC FOREST CONSTR]

Homeowner/Business--[B]

Address--[PO BOX 462]

City--[SCOTTDALE]

State--[PA] Zip--[15683]

FAX--[724-887-0545] Email--[NONE]

Work Being Done For--[PENNDOT ]

Person to Contact--[DENNY BURKETT]

Phone--[814-442-1857] Ext--[ ]

Best Time to Call--[ANYTIME]

Prepared--[04-Apr-11] at [1111] by [DEBRA MARAUGHA]

Remarks--

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CBM0 CBM=CLYMER BORO M A CMR0 CMR=CLYMR BORO

FB 0 FB =VERIZON PA PGH

HU10 HU1=COMCAST

LA 0 LA =PENELEC

NB 0 NB =COL GAS-NEWBETH

Serial Number--[20110941097]-[000]

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President

Brenda Reigle  
Executive Director  
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March 20, 2014

The Honorable Martin T. Causer  
41B East Wing  
PO Box 202067  
Harrisburg, PA 17120-2067

**RE:** Response to PA Independent Oil & Gas Association (PIOGA), Pennsylvania Grade Crude Coalition (PGCC) & PA Independent Petroleum Producers, Inc. (PIPP) seeking an exemption from marking gathering and production lines in HB 1607, the PA One Call Law.

Dear Representative Causer:

The PA Independent Oil & Gas Association (PIOGA), Pennsylvania Grade Crude Coalition (PGCC) & PA Independent Petroleum Producers, Inc. (PIPP) are seeking an exemption from marking gathering and production lines in HB 1607, the Underground Utility Line Protection Act. NUCA of Pennsylvania is strongly opposed to allowing this exemption to HB1607, PA One Call Law, for marking oil and gas gathering and production lines. Over the years NUCA has supported the PA One Call System and has worked with the legislature and industry to have a system to mark out utilities prior to excavation to insure safety of the public as well as the workers performing the excavation, protection of the environment, and maintaining services to the tax-paying public.

Rep. Causer of McKean County has introduced this exemption to HB1607. According to former Secretary Crancer, PIOGA, PGCC, and PIPP operate on the order of 384,000 wells with another 30,000 abandoned and orphaned wells to which no one admits. Former Secretary Crancer further concludes that in addition to these 400,000 wells there is an average of between 500 and 2000 feet of gathering and production lines in the same area that 10,000 Shale Gas wells have been drilled. The argument in favor of the exemption is that no excavator, property owner, or independent well operator, whether owned or leased, can readily determine where the lines are located. Additionally, why have universal protection of an excavator in rural situations wherein notifications are limited. These arguments that PIOG, PGCC, and PIPP put forth to allow for an exemption are without merit and at best show a lack of good stewardship for the citizens of the state of Pennsylvania and for the personal safety of excavators performing work in this state.

My name is Mark Reisinger and I am a Board Director for NUCA of Pennsylvania. I have lived in Pennsylvania for my entire life, and spent my childhood near Titusville, PA, in the shadow of Drake Well where oil was first discovered. I graduated Penn State University with a degree in Mechanical Engineering, and now live and now live in

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Bensalem, PA, where I am Vice President of PKF-Mark III Inc., a heavy Construction company. I have first-hand experience about this issue. Having lived in Northwestern Pennsylvania and being an avid outdoors man, I worked for Pennzoil Corporation in the Rouseville, PA, refinery and have performed survey work for an independent oil company called Eagleline Corporation of Pleasantville, PA. I have spent many days in the field and woods of Venango, Crawford, Forest, and Warren counties, and I am very familiar with the area's many oil wells, gas wells, and deep gas wells in addition to the utilities that serve these wells and the oil and gas gathering lines.

First, let's talk about the facts. Former Secretary Crancer contends that there is average of between 500 and 2000 feet of gathering and production lines per well. This is an inaccurate and misleading statement. In my work for Eagleline Corporation, I prepared maps for thousands of acres of leases showing the companies' well locations, oil gathering lines, gas collection lines, electric power generation plants, electric lines, and crude oil storage tanks. Once wells are drilled on a lease the oil and gas companies hire roust-about crews to install the gathering and electric lines--often using the slopes and contours of the land to route those lines. There are literally miles of gathering lines across the landscape, some active and some not. In addition to the miles of oil and gas gathering lines, there are miles of brine gathering lines and electrical lines also installed by roust-about crews hired by the oil and gas companies. I have seen these lines laid on top of the ground, buried within the ground, run under secondary roads, and run under dirt roads open to the traveling public. There are lines from old abandoned leases and current operating leases. On some older leases, the gas is gathered through pipelines and sent to a compressor station and then pressurized back into the ground to push the oil to the well heads. Furthermore, deep gas wells are drilled with pipelines that run miles to a main gas gathering pipeline. Existing leases can be mapped if they have not already been mapped. New leases can be mapped as the gathering lines are installed. I know this can be done because I have performed this work. One can bet that if there is a disruption to the gas or oil gathering lines for whatever reason, the oil and gas companies can locate their lines to solve the problems. Yes, I have seen this scenario played out when oil lines sometimes freeze in the winter because there is water in the line. The owners of these leases should be required to maintain these maps of their facilities and be a part of the PA One-call System, requiring mark-outs when called upon. As leases are often transferred from one owner or company to the next or to a subsidiary company, the individual owner or company that holds the lease or mineral rights should be required to maintain the records or maps showing the location of these gathering lines.

Secondly, let's address former Secretary Crancer's question of an excavator's universal protection in these rural situations. As an owner of excavators that work every day, I cannot believe this would be a question. First, it is irrelevant whether excavation is being performed in Erie, Pittsburgh, Philadelphia, the middle of a farmer's field, or on rural township roads--the safety of the public and the person operating the excavator and

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the crews working with the excavator are top priority. It is the responsibility of the owners of these leases and gathering lines to mark out their lines through the PA One-call System to insure the safety of land owners, excavators, contractors, Penn Dot employees, and township workers throughout the state of Pennsylvania. Hitting a low-pressure oil gathering line because its location is not marked could cost the oil companies revenue; however it could injure the public, the operator of the excavator, cause damage his equipment, or harm the environment. Hitting an unmarked gas line at any pressure or an electric line has been known to be fatal to the operator of the excavator or crew, not to mention the public, and can irrevocably impact the environment. This is truly a safety issue: One person's life is not worth the exemption introduced by Representative Causer of McKean County.

We do not live in a society anymore where private companies cannot be responsible for their assets both on public and private land (including state and township roads) for the life of those assets. It is time that PIOGA, PGCC, and PIPP-affiliated companies become good stewards of Pennsylvania and are held to the same One-Call standards of all utilities in providing a safe work environment for all excavating companies, road crews, and those involved in the timbering industry. Whether new or old leases, these utilities can be located and mapped and should be part of the PA One-call System.

NUCA of Pennsylvania strongly opposes the exemption for marking gathering and production lines in HB1607 and respectfully requests your support.

Sincerely,

*Mark J. Reisinger*

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Board Director On Behalf of NUCA of Pennsylvania

2014 Legislative Walk Appointments  
April 8, 2014

TITLE	FIRST NAME	LAST NAME		LOCATION	PHONE NUMBER	APPT TIME	STATUS	Meeting with Staff
Senator	Richard	Alloway	R	187 Main Capitol	787-1463	Breakfast	Anyone	
Representative	Lee	James	R	B15 Main Capitol	783-8188	Breakfast	Mark	
Representative	Steven	Santarsiero	R	105A East Wing	787-5475	Breakfast	Henrik Maxian	
Representative	Martin	Causar	R	41B East Wing	787-5075	9:30 AM	Mark, Jim, Henrik, Brenda & Melissa	
Senator	Edwin	Erickson	R	362 Main Capitol	787-1350	9:30 AM	Alex, Bruce & Ron	Tom Golden, Chief of Staff
Representative	Robert	Godshall	R	150 Main Capitol	783-6428	9:40 AM	Alex, Bruce & Ron	
Senator	Steward	Greenleaf	R	19 East Wing	787-6599	9:45 AM	Mark, Jim, Henrik, Brenda & Melissa	Eric Pauley
Senator	Lisa	Baker	R	172 Main Capitol	787-7428	10:00 AM	Mark, Jim, Henrik, Brenda & Melissa	
Senator	John	Rafferty	R	20 East Wing	787-1398	10:00 AM	Alex, Bruce & Ron	Nate Spade
Senator	Patricia	Vance	R	173 Main Capitol	787-8524	10:00 AM	Robb Kalbach	maybe staff - Chris Ramsey
Representative	Rick	Saccone	R	6B East Wing	260-6122	10:30 AM	Brian Hartman	
Representative	Sam	Smith	R	139 Main Capitol	787-3845	10:30 AM	Mark, Jim, Henrik, Brenda & Melissa	only 5 people
Representative	Sheryl	DeLozier	R	159B East Wing	783-5282	10:45 AM	Robb Kalbach	Jen
Senator	Charles	McIlhinney	R	187 Main Capitol	787-7305	11:00 AM	Henrik, Jim & Brenda & Melissa	Gayle Reinard
Representative	Mike	Turzai	R	110 Main Capitol	787-7979	11:00 AM	Mark, Alex, Bruce & Brian	<a href="#">Krystjan Callahan</a>
Senator	Lisa	Boscola	D	458 Main Capitol	787-4236	12:00 PM	Mark, Henrik, Jim, Brenda & Melissa	
Senator	Scott	Hutchinson	R	9 East Wing	787-9684	12:30 PM	Mark, Jim, Bruce, Brenda & Melissa	
Senator	Robert	Tomlinson	R	281 Main Capitol	787-5072	1:00 PM	Mark	Fran Clever
Representative	Peter	Daley	D	202 Irvis Office	783-9333	1:30 PM	Mark, Jim, Henrik, Brenda & Melissa	
Senator	John	Gordner	R	177 Main Capitol	787-8928	2:00 PM	Brenda & Melissa	<a href="#">Mike Todd or Phil</a>
Senator	Joseph	Scarnati	R	292 Main Capitol	787-7084	2:00 PM	Mark & Bruce	Brenda Galinac
Representative	Gene	DiGirolamo	R	49 East Wing	783-7319	?	Mark	never called back
Leadership/Chairmen		Amendment Sponsors						



# COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA

## LEGISLATIVE JOURNAL

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SESSION OF 2014

198TH OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

No. 44

### HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

The House convened at 11 a.m., e.d.t.

**THE SPEAKER (SAMUEL H. SMITH)  
PRESIDING**

#### PRAYER

HON. RICK SACCONI, member of the House of Representatives, offered the following prayer:

I invite you all to bow your heads and pray with me this morning.

Father God, we ask You to meet us here in this House. We welcome You here among us. We thank You for the endless blessings You have bestowed on this country and that we take for granted every day. As we ask for new blessings, let us remember to seek first Your kingdom and all its righteousness. We come to You with open minds and willing hearts. Mold us. Shape us to be Your worthy instruments.

This day prepare us to do Your will, not ours. Let us put our trust in You. Lift the spirit of divisiveness and replace it with the spirit of cooperation. Lord, as we debate these colossal issues, we ask for the faith to slay giants that You gave to David. Lord, we ask as did King Solomon for wisdom and knowledge, for who can govern without it. Father in heaven, heal our petty divisions and jealousies and revive our yearning for You. Let our actions honor You. And we will praise Your holy name. Amen.

#### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

(The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by members and visitors.)

#### JOURNAL APPROVAL POSTPONED

The SPEAKER. Without objection, the approval of the Journal of Wednesday, June 25, 2014, will be postponed until printed.

#### ACTUARIAL NOTE

The SPEAKER. The Speaker acknowledges receipt of an actuarial note for HB 1708, PN 3717.

(Copy of actuarial note is on file with the Journal clerk.)

### HOUSE RESOLUTION INTRODUCED AND REFERRED

**No. 925** By Representatives RAPP, OBERLANDER, SANKEY, MUSTIO, COHEN, MURT, BLOOM, BENNINGHOFF and FLECK

A Resolution directing the Joint State Government Commission to conduct a study and report on the scale and impact of wind turbines in this Commonwealth.

Referred to Committee on ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES AND ENERGY, June 26, 2014.

### SENATE BILLS FOR CONCURRENCE

The clerk of the Senate, being introduced, presented the following bills for concurrence:

**SB 405, PN 1554**

Referred to Committee on HEALTH, June 26, 2014.

**SB 1409, PN 2176**

Referred to Committee on PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE, June 26, 2014.

### LEAVES OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER. The Speaker turns to leaves of absence and recognizes the majority whip, who requests a leave of absence for the gentleman, Mr. PETRI, from Bucks County for the day. Without objection, the leave will be granted.

The minority whip indicates there are no requests for leaves of absence.

### MASTER ROLL CALL

The SPEAKER. The Speaker is about to take the master roll call. Members will proceed to vote.

The following roll call was recorded:

PRESENT—202

Adolph	English	Knowles	Pickett
Aument	Evankovich	Kortz	Pyle
Baker	Evans	Kotik	Quinn
Barbin	Everett	Krieger	Rapp
Barrar	Fabrizio	Kula	Ravenstahl

## CALENDAR

## BILLS ON SECOND CONSIDERATION

The House proceeded to second consideration of **HB 2355, PN 3770**, entitled:

An Act providing for the capital budget for the fiscal year 2014-2015.

On the question,  
Will the House agree to the bill on second consideration?  
Bill was agreed to.

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The House proceeded to second consideration of **HB 1550, PN 3650**, entitled:

An Act amending Titles 12 (Commerce and Trade) and 64 (Public Authorities and Quasi-Public Corporations) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in economic development financing strategy, further providing for definitions; in small business first, further providing for definitions, for fund and accounts, for department responsibilities, for capital development loans, for EDA loans, for loans in distressed communities, for pollution prevention assistance loans, and for export financing loans; providing for delegation; and further providing for reporting and inspection; in machinery and equipment loans, further providing for definitions, for establishment, for eligibility for loans and terms and conditions, for application and administration, for powers of secretary, for reporting and inspection, for nondiscrimination, for conflict of interest, for reports to General Assembly and for guidelines; providing for the Pennsylvania Industrial Development Program; in Pennsylvania Industrial Development Authority, providing for general provisions, for Pennsylvania Industrial Development Program and transfer of loans; repealing certain provisions of the Pennsylvania Industrial Development Authority Act; and making editorial changes.

On the question,  
Will the House agree to the bill on second consideration?  
Bill was agreed to.

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The House proceeded to second consideration of **HB 343, PN 2004**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 27 (Environmental Resources) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in conservation and natural resources, providing for water well construction standards.

On the question,  
Will the House agree to the bill on second consideration?  
Bill was agreed to.

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The House proceeded to second consideration of **HB 2225, PN 3490**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of May 3, 1933 (P.L.242, No.86), referred to as the Cosmetology Law, further providing for eligibility requirements for examination and for limited licenses.

On the question,  
Will the House agree to the bill on second consideration?  
Bill was agreed to.

The SPEAKER. The House will come to order.

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The House proceeded to second consideration of **HB 1607, PN 2868**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of December 10, 1974 (P.L.852, No.287), referred to as the Underground Utility Line Protection Law, further providing for definitions, for duties of facility owners, the One Call System, other parties, designers, excavators and project owners and for penalties; providing for enforcement, compliance and penalties; and further providing for expiration.

On the question,  
Will the House agree to the bill on second consideration?

Mr. CAUSER offered the following amendment  
No. A08101:

Amend Bill, page 3, by inserting between lines 3 and 4  
"Conventional oil and gas well" means a bore hole drilled for the purpose of producing oil or gas from a conventional formation. Irrespective of technology or design, the term includes any of the following:

- (1) A well drilled to produce oil.
- (2) A well drilled to produce natural gas from formations other than shale formations.
- (3) A well drilled to produce natural gas from shale formations located above the base of the Elk Group or its stratigraphic equivalent.
- (4) A well drilled to produce natural gas from shale formations located below the base of the Elk Group where natural gas can be produced at economic flow rates or in economic volumes without the use of vertical or nonvertical well bores stimulated by hydraulic fracture treatments or by using multilateral well bores or other techniques to expose more of the formation to the well bore.
- (5) Irrespective of formation, a well drilled for collateral purposes, such as monitoring, geologic logging, secondary and tertiary recovery or disposal injection.

Amend Bill, page 5, line 25, by striking out the bracket before "The"

Amend Bill, page 5, line 26, by inserting after "facilities"  
associated with a conventional oil and gas well.

Amend Bill, page 6, line 3, by striking out the bracket after "192.614."

On the question,  
Will the House agree to the amendment?

The SPEAKER. On that question, the Speaker recognizes the gentleman from McKean County, Mr. Causer.

Mr. CAUSER. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, I want to ask for support for amendment A08101. Mr. Speaker, this amendment is agreed to by the PUC (Public Utility Commission) and the PA One Call System and also the sponsor of the bill. So I would appreciate an affirmative vote.

The SPEAKER. The question is, will the House agree to the amendment?

On that question, the Speaker recognizes the gentleman from Washington County, Mr. Pete Daley.

Mr. DALEY. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I reluctantly rise in opposition to this amendment. There is grave concern among those out there that there are approximately 100,000 miles of pipe that is in the ground. There is some concern that the Federal government may not provide us with the exemption on this issue if we do pass this amendment, and I would have to ask for a "no" vote.

The SPEAKER. The question is, will the House agree to the amendment?

On that question, the Speaker recognizes the gentleman, Mr. Causer, for the second time.

Mr. CAUSER. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, I want to clarify that this is maintaining a current exemption that is in current law right now, so we are not carving out any new exemption. I understand the previous speaker's concerns.

I do want to point out that the Federal government currently exempts Class 1 lines also. So this is maintaining a current exemption. It is something that I think is very important to do and would ask for support for the amendment.

The SPEAKER. The question is, will the House agree to the amendment?

Is the gentleman, Mr. Daley, seeking recognition for the second time?

Mr. DALEY. Yes, Mr. Speaker.

As a way of further explanation, the Federal government has asked us to remove these exemptions in Pennsylvania. We have a chance to lose some funding if we do not do that. There are Marcellus Shale lines going all over Pennsylvania in and around all these pipes, pipe lines, that are currently in the ground. If we fail to not remove all these exemptions like we have currently, there is a very good possibility that we are going to lose the safety funding that is provided by the Federal government on this particular issue. That is why I reluctantly ask for a "no" vote.

The SPEAKER. The question is, will the House agree to the amendment?

On that question, the Speaker recognizes the gentleman from Indiana County, Mr. Reed.

Mr. REED. Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker.

We would ask the members to support amendment 08101.

When you look at the underlying bill and the amendment as proposed and the argument against the amendment being that we do not want to create other exemptions to the PA One Call per the Federal government, the existing law already has exemptions, including this particular exemption contained in amendment 08101. It is already in current law. The existing bill as is has other exemptions embedded within it, and I believe we are going to consider some other amendments today as well that also will create exemptions in one form or another that had been agreed to throughout this process.

So we would ask the members to support this amendment and continue to move this process forward to get this bill over to the Senate.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. The question is, will the House agree to the amendment?

On the amendment, the Speaker recognizes the gentleman from Delaware County, Mr. Vitali.

Mr. VITALI. Would the maker of the amendment stand for interrogation?

The SPEAKER. The gentleman, Mr. Causer, indicates he will stand for interrogation.

Mr. VITALI. So I just wanted to be clear. Who is being exempted from what here? Could you explain who is being exempted from what with your amendment?

Mr. CAUSER. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, this amendment maintains a current exemption in the PA One Call law that provides an exemption for gathering lines for conventional oil and gas wells in Pennsylvania. This is current law and we are maintaining that exemption.

Mr. VITALI. So you are talking about gathering lines for conventional wells. Now, what are they being exempted from doing? In other words, what are they being exempted from doing? Were they not exempted, what would they have to do?

Mr. CAUSER. They are being exempted from the requirement under the PA One Call law.

Mr. VITALI. But that is what I am— As I understand it generally—

Mr. CAUSER. Could the gentleman repeat.

Mr. VITALI. Right. So generally with regard to the PA One Call, if you want to dig, you make a call and you are told if where you want to dig has gas lines. So what would the conventional gas well pipeline people be exempted from? Telling the State where their lines are? I am trying to get at what conventional drillers are being exempted from with regard to their gathering lines. The duty to give their gathering line locations to the State? Because I think, you know, as this works, the way this works and I understand it, if someone wants to dig, they call, they make this one call to find out if there are gas lines, right? Is that basically how it works?

Mr. CAUSER. That is correct.

Mr. VITALI. So are the conventional gas people exempted from telling the State where their lines are, because they are not going to be the ones that are making the call. They are going to be the ones who have to— I am just trying to get at what they are being exempted from doing, and if your amendment does not go into place, what will they then have to do?

Mr. CAUSER. Mr. Speaker, many of these lines are very small in diameter, short lines between conventional wells and tanks, for example, and in many of the most rural parts of Pennsylvania, many of these lines are not currently even mapped, and to require submission under the One Call act by these conventional lines and facilities would certainly be a hardship for these operators and, I would argue, is completely not necessary. In maintaining this current exemption, this has not been an issue in any part of the State, and that is why we have had an exemption.

A previous speaker has said that the Federal government is asking us to eliminate all exemptions. However, I have to point out that the Federal government has an exemption for these lines under reporting systems. So we are maintaining the same exemption that the Federal government is currently maintaining.

Mr. VITALI. But am I right, is this an issue of whether they have to report where their lines are or not? Is that accurate, if the exemption were lifted?

Mr. CAUSER. If the exemption were not in place, they would have to map out all the lines, and some of these lines are over 100 years old.

Mr. VITALI. Got it.

Now, to the previous speaker's point about loss of Federal funds, to your knowledge, information, and belief, if this exemption were not maintained, would there be a loss of Federal funds?

Mr. CAUSER. That is absolutely not true, Mr. Speaker. I read the letter from the Federal agency to the PUC, and certainly the wording of the letter said that it was a possibility, but I have to maintain that they continue to have an exemption themselves. So to tell Pennsylvania that we have to take away all exemptions when they currently have an exemption for these lines I think is a bit hypocritical.

Mr. VITALI. Now, who wants this exemption lifted? You want it maintained, but who opposes your position on this? Are there any groups or entities? Are there any people or groups who really oppose what you are trying to do here?

Mr. CAUSER. The Public Utility Commission and the PA One Call System have agreed to my amendment.

Mr. VITALI. And is anyone opposed to your amendment, any group opposed to your amendment? Has any group taken a formal position against your amendment or the concept behind your amendment?

Mr. CAUSER. Not to my knowledge.

Mr. VITALI. Okay. Thank you.

Mr. CAUSER. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. The question is, will the House agree to the amendment?

On that question, the Speaker recognizes the gentleman from Montgomery County, Mr. Godshall.

Mr. GODSHALL. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I also rise and ask for approval for this amendment. This amendment conforms with Federal regulations. At present the Federal government exempts exactly what we are asking for to be exempted here. There is absolutely no need for us to continue to do what we are doing or what we want to do because many of these lines have been in the ground for 100 years. We have farmers. It affects mostly farmers, and the farmers have no idea where these old and abandoned lines are.

I would ask for a positive vote on this amendment. It serves a good purpose, and it should be in the legislation. It came out of our committee, and, you know, I agree it makes the bill better. Thank you.

### LEAVE OF ABSENCE CANCELED

The SPEAKER. The Speaker returns to leaves of absence and recognizes the presence of the gentleman from Bucks County, Mr. Petri, on the floor of the House. Without objection, his name will be added to the master roll call.

### CONSIDERATION OF HB 1607 CONTINUED

The SPEAKER. The question is, will the House agree to the amendment?

On that question, the Speaker recognizes the gentleman from Washington County, Mr. White.

Mr. WHITE. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Will the maker stand for one brief question?

The SPEAKER. The gentleman indicates he will stand for interrogation. You may proceed.

Mr. WHITE. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, specifically, has the Marcellus Shale Coalition been approached with this amendment?

Mr. CAUSER. I have not had discussions with the Marcellus Shale Coalition. My understanding is that they support the legislation and the amendment.

Mr. WHITE. They support the underlying legislation, but you have not gotten a specific answer one way or another on this particular amendment, correct?

Mr. CAUSER. I have not had discussions with the Marcellus Shale Coalition because this amendment has no impact on them.

It is important to point out that currently all the gathering lines are provided an exemption under the One Call act. We are actually narrowing the exemption because Marcellus Shale lines would be subject to the One Call act under this legislation. So we are narrowing the exemption just to conventional oil and gas gathering lines.

Mr. WHITE. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, on the amendment.

The SPEAKER. The gentleman is in order on the amendment.

Mr. WHITE. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I am rising in opposition to this amendment because I think this is one of those times where we need to take a step back and use a little common sense here.

You know, to be perfectly blunt, I do not care what was in the law previously, because in my district what was happening previously is not what is happening now. What is happening now is, there are pipelines being dug all over the place. They are snaking over one another. They are going in all different directions to deal with Marcellus Shale and a lot of the other activity that comes with it. So whether it may have made sense way back when to give anybody an exemption, to think that we are going to give an industry an exemption from the One Call System, this is not an onerous requirement. This is the thing that anybody has to do.

Last year alone there were over 717,000 One Calls made in Pennsylvania. This is a commonly used mechanism that is out there for a very good purpose, and the purpose is simple. When people put a shovel in the ground, we do not want stuff to blow up. So why in the world would we exempt an industry that by definition is building massive pipelines of volatile things running underneath the ground? There is no commonsense reason to give them this exemption. This is the most basic thing they should have to follow along with, and if this House votes this amendment out, what kind of message are we sending to anybody about safety in their backyards as these pipelines are going in?

Please vote "no" on this amendment.

The SPEAKER. The question is, will the House agree to the amendment?

On that question, the Speaker recognizes the gentleman from Lycoming County, Mr. Everett.

Mr. EVERETT. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to know if the maker of the amendment would stand for interrogation.

The SPEAKER. The gentleman, Mr. Causer, indicates he will stand for interrogation. You may proceed.

Mr. EVERETT. Mr. Speaker, just so I can get this clear in my mind, this exemption would apply only to conventional gas operations and not unconventional or Marcellus operations. Is that correct?

Mr. CAUSER. That is correct, Mr. Speaker.

Under current law, there is an exemption in – there is an exemption for lines or facilities, gathering lines dealing with wells, and that applies to Marcellus and conventional under current law. Under this legislation with this amendment, it would apply the One Call act to Marcellus lines but maintain the exemption for the conventional lines in Pennsylvania. So we are actually narrowing the exemption only to conventional.

Mr. EVERETT. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

If I could speak on the amendment?

The SPEAKER. The gentleman is in order on the amendment.

Mr. EVERETT. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I stand to ask for an affirmative vote on this amendment. The issue that I think we have at hand in Pennsylvania of the gathering lines that are being put in are the Marcellus lines, and they will be— This amendment has nothing to do with those lines. This amendment has to do with what are largely existing conventional gas lines, as other speakers have said, some of which have been there for up to 100 years, and there is no way to know where they are to put them into the system. Things are fine with respect to conventional. We need to deal with the Marcellus line, gathering lines that are being put in. They are covered in the bill. They are not exempted by this amendment.

I would ask for an affirmative vote on this amendment. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

On the question recurring,  
Will the House agree to the amendment?

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NOT VOTING—0

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The majority having voted in the affirmative, the question was determined in the affirmative and the amendment was agreed to.

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The SPEAKER. The Speaker gives permission for media access to the House floor to Sean Simmers of pennlive.com for still photos for approximately 10 minutes.

CONSIDERATION OF HB 1607 CONTINUED

On the question,  
Will the House agree to the bill on second consideration as amended?

Mr. DALEY offered the following amendment No. A05903:

Amend Bill, page 4, line 9, by inserting after "highway]" , work performed by persons whose activities must comply with the requirements of and regulations promulgated under the act of May 31, 1945 (P.L.1198, No.418), known as the Surface Mining Conservation and Reclamation Act, the act of April 27, 1966 (1st Sp.Sess., P.L.31, No.1), known as The Bituminous Mine Subsidence and Land Conservation Act, or the act of September 24, 1968 (P.L.1040, No.318), known as the Coal Refuse Disposal Control Act, which relate to the protection of utility facilities.

On the question,  
Will the House agree to the amendment?

## Two Hospitalized Following Explosion in West Franklin Township



Construction officials try to figure out what happened at a natural gas explosion at a compressor station along Fox Road in West Franklin Township yesterday afternoon. The identities of the two contractors injured were not released.

*by Jonathan Weaver*

Two EQT contractors were injured Wednesday afternoon during a natural gas accident in West Franklin Township.

While one contractor was taken by medical helicopter to a Pittsburgh hospital, another was taken from the scene via ambulance.

Their medical conditions were not released by EQT personnel or that on-scene Wednesday afternoon. EQT inspectors as well as piping and excavation officials were also witnessed at the site.

This incident occurred at a compressor station in the 300-block of Fox Road. The roadway in West Franklin Township is actually less than a mile from the Armstrong County and Clearfield Township, Butler County border.

Worthington-West Franklin volunteer firefighters extinguished the fire about mid-afternoon and no other injuries were reported as of last night.

Media Relations Manager Linda Robertson said the pipeline affected is not owned or operated by EQT. She said PA 1-call was contacted about the work prior to the start.

“An EQT contractor inadvertently struck a natural gas pipeline – he was working to clear a right-of-way,” Robertson said.

“It’s still very preliminary in-terms of what we know because it’s under investigation.”

She estimated the investigation will last “quite some time.”

According to permit information through Monday, there are currently 33 wells permitted on 30 well sites in West Franklin Township

Snyder Brothers, an East Franklin Township driller of more than 150 wells, reportedly owned the compressor station. Officials were not available for comment about the incident.

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