



## MORGAN COUNTY COMMISSION

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Dear Mr. Meador,

As President of the Morgan County Commission, I have a number of concerns regarding Mountaineer Gas Company's bid to bring a new gas pipeline through Morgan County. My number one concern is that our citizens are treated fairly and shown the courtesy and respect they deserve. I hope you will take the time to read over our concerns and questions and I would appreciate a written reply.

I have been told by numerous parties and on numerous occasions that the land agents have been less than polite to the land owners. Do the land agents work directly for MGC? They were telling some of our landowners that they had a one-time offer, take it or leave it and that if they didn't take it eminent domain would be used and they would receive even less. This is unacceptable behavior from the land agents.

People are concerned that MGC is just using Morgan County as a pass through and land agents have made the statements that gas will never be available South of Rt. 9. Do you have future plans to run additional line south from the one you are proposing to serve residents of Morgan County? If that is a potential future goal, why has the proposed route avoided all the housing developments on Fairview Drive and along Rt. 9 East? Additionally, how many existing homes in Morgan County will be eligible to hook up to this original pipeline along the proposed route? At what cost?

Farmers are very concerned about the future use of their land. Can they farm the land above the pipe? Please define "heavy equipment" as referenced in their contracts.

Exactly why do you need a 75' ROW for a 10" pipe? One land agent, Shawn McClain, claimed that was so MGC could run whatever and as many lines as they wanted to in the future.

Farming takes planning and many of our farmers use a 3 to 5 year crop rotation or deposit lime in pastures every few years. When is the construction of this pipeline going to start and finish?

These are just some of my constituents concerns. There are others but we will wait until these questions are answered before we pose more. Hopefully, with more information, we will gain a better understanding of how Morgan County fits into the overall plan for MGC and we will be able to build a stronger relationship moving forward.

I would appreciate an expedited reply. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me at 304-258-8540.

Sincerely,

Joel Tuttle  
Morgan County Commission President