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Yet Another Gas Line Proposal

Information suggests another company has its sights set on Monroe for a natural gas transmission line. This route, initially known as the Western Marcellus Project and now as the Appalachian Connector, is being proposed by Williams Energy as a connector from existing pipelines in Clarington, Ohio and Marshall County, West Virginia to the company's Transco compressor station in Chatham, Virginia. The Williams website suggests the line will be designed to transport two billion cubic feet of gas per day, and will be open by 2018.

This project has not yet advanced to the level of detail now available on the Mountain Valley pipeline, and routing is very preliminary. The Company's small-scale map shows the tentative route entering Monroe County in the vicinity of Alderson, and exiting into Virginia across Potts Valley; thus traveling across the county somewhat east of the Mountain Valley line.

Oddly enough, the company's PDF map file includes "open season map" as part of the file name. No doubt many Monroe County residents, under the gun for the third trans-county gas line being constructed or proposed this year, feel it must be open season indeed.

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