Rover Pipeline Attorneys

ET Rover Pipeline, LLC (Rover), a subsidiary of Energy Transfers Partners, has proposed installing a large (42 inch) pipeline across Ohio to transport natural gas being produced from the Marcellus and Utica Shales in eastern Ohio, Pennsylvania, and West Virginia. The proposed Rover project is planned to cross 18 different Ohio Counties – starting in eastern Ohio near Clarington, running north to Leesville, heading west to Defiance, then heading north to Michigan. Below is Rover's proposed map of the route. Know that the route depicted may change and that there is no guarantee this project will for sure happen.

This is an interstate pipeline (it runs across multiple states) and is regulated by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission ("FERC"). Rover is required to file an application to install this pipeline with FERC and, assuming FERC approves the application, Rover will have federal eminent domain rights to take landowners' property to install this pipeline. Rover has indicated its schedule is:

June 2014	Submit FERC Pre-Filing Request
January 2015	File FERC Certificate Application
November 2015	FERC Issues Construction Certificate
December 2016	In-service Leesville Plant to Midwest Hub
June 2017	In-service Midwest Hub to Union Gas Hub



As Rover progresses with its plans, we anticipate landowners will be contacted to sign pipeline easements. Pipeline easements are often written so that they last FOREVER and the only compensation typically given is a one-time payment. You should think of pipeline easements as a sale of your property. In our experience, the way landowners secure the best terms and the maximum amount of compensation is by grouping together (collectively demands) and being represented by a knowledgeable law firm. Our firm has formed a group for landowners to join called the <u>Rover Pipeline Landowners Group (RPLG)</u>.

If you have questions or would like to join RPLG, we (Dick Emens, Craig Wilson, Sean Jacobs, Chris Hodakievic of Emens & Wolper) will be happy to talk with you at no cost –just call us at the number below.