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Statement from the Adorers of the Blood of Christ, U.S. Region

The Adorers of the Blood of Christ, U.S. Region, an order of Catholic sisters with regional offices in St. Louis, remain opposed to construction of a natural gas pipeline underneath a strip of land they own in West Hempfield Township, Lancaster County, Penn.

Despite the Adorers' refusal to cooperate with this endeavor, Transco has gotten approval from the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) granting them the right to construct, maintain and operate a pipeline on this land for the Atlantic Sunrise Project.

The Adorers have a Land Ethic, approved by their congregation in October 2005, that:

- Honors the sacredness of creation
- Reverences Earth as a sanctuary where all life is protected
- Treasures land as a gift of beauty and sustenance and legacy for future generations.

The Adorers received a request from the grassroots coalition, Lancaster Against Pipelines, to install and use, and to invite other people of faith to use, a portable prayer "chapel" on their land. The hope is that the structure can draw people to prayer and reflection about just and holy uses of land.

While the Adorers understand that the federal court order of eminent domain, once it goes into effect, can allow Transco to call for the removal of the "chapel" from the easement, they believe that having this structure on their land, for however long, gives tangible witness to the sacredness of Earth.