



Borough of Chambersburg

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celebrating over 65 years of consumer owned natural gas service
over 120 years of community electric and a
regional wastewater, water, and municipal solid waste utility*

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Chambersburg Receives \$584,100 Pipeline Investment Program Grant

Chambersburg – On July 17, 2018, the Borough of Chambersburg received a notice of award for a \$584,100 Pipeline Investment Program (PIPE) grant from the Commonwealth Financing Authority (CFA). The grant will be used to partially fund the Chambersburg Natural Gas Pipeline Project, a critical infrastructure project offering natural gas to underserved neighborhoods both within the Borough of Chambersburg and in Greene Township.

Town Council President, Heath Talhelm, commented, “As one of only two municipal gas utilities in Pennsylvania, Chambersburg works to bring clean, affordable, natural gas to our residents. Chambersburg has the lowest residential natural gas rates of any system in Pennsylvania. This Project will extend our natural gas distribution service to more Borough residents, as well as provide a direct connection from the Chambersburg Gas Department into sections of Greene Township, not currently supplied with natural gas. We are very grateful to Senator Alloway and Representative Kauffman for their strong support of this Project and its funding.” In addition to Alloway (R) and Kauffman (R), the Borough’s grant request was supported by the Greene Township Board of Supervisors and several affected property owners, including Chambersburg Health Services, an affiliate of Summit Health.

At the July 17, 2018 CFA meeting, the Borough’s project was among two projects that were awarded PIPE grants statewide. This is the first PIPE grant awarded in Franklin County from the CFA, an authority that oversees certain programs administered by the Department of Community and Economic Development. The goal of the program is to aid in the extension of natural gas pipelines that will stimulate the creation of new jobs in the Commonwealth, while providing access to natural gas for local residents.

The sections of Greene Township affected by this project include newly served areas around the Menno Have non-profit continuing care retirement community and the Grand Point section of Greene Township. Chambersburg Gas is partnering with UGI Gas to deliver gas to these homes and businesses through a unique inter-municipal public/private partnership. Additionally, the pipeline extension will effectively serve the impending Summit Health healthcare campus. The gas line extension is expected to build upon the North Chambersburg Improvements Project – an infrastructure development project that extended Parkwood Drive and Fifth Avenue from the Borough to Greene Township to facilitate future development.

Senator Alloway said, “This Project will have a significant economic impact in the region and I applaud the inter-municipal collaboration demonstrated by the Borough and Greene Township.”

Representative Kauffman commented, “The proposed extension will allow the Borough to provide competitively-priced natural gas to a considerable number of new customers seeking more efficient fuel sources. It is investments like these that allow the region to grow and prosper.”

Please send any questions or comments to Jeffrey Stonehill, Borough Manager/Director of Utilities, at jstonehill@chambersburgpa.gov

Chambersburg is a unique community. Pennsylvania’s only municipal natural gas utility, owned and operated by the citizens of the Borough; Chambersburg is also Pennsylvania’s largest municipal electric utility, and the only one that owns and operates generation stations. Chambersburg provides natural gas, electricity, water, sewer, parking and trash for the residents and businesses throughout most of the Borough. Under local control, rates, policies, etc., that are decided locally by the Chambersburg Town Council. Chambersburg currently has 20,878 residents (2017). www.chambersburgpa.gov