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The Other End of the Pipeline
Heartbreaking Documentary Series Makes the Connection Between Communities Harmed By Fracked Gas in Rural Pennsylvania and New York City

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As people face sky-high gas bills again this winter, *The Other End of the Pipeline*, a new series of short documentary films, forces us to think about where that gas is coming from and its true cost.

The second installation in the four part series, released today, introduces viewers to Elisha “EW” Fye who lives in the shadow of National Grid’s Greenpoint Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) facility, in Cooper Park Houses, which seven hundred families call home. Like many people living in Cooper Park Houses and polluted areas of North Brooklyn, EW suffers from health problems.

Part 1 in the series, released last week, began the story at the other end of the pipeline, where gas is extracted through fracking on the mountain tops of the Loyalsock State Forest. For years, Barb Jarmoska has fought to stop the construction of a pipeline under a creek near her home that would connect nearby fracking wells to an even larger pipeline that transports gas to New York City.
“For most people there’s still a major disconnect when it comes to the gas they use,” said filmmaker, Lee Ziesche. “The fossil fuel industry fooled a lot of people into thinking gas was cheap and clean. Too many peoples’ wallets and health are now taking a hit as a consequence of those lies.”

“I want people to know and realize the detriment that this is causing to everybody’s health,” said Elisha “EW” Fye. “Even as you cook, I want you to think about this gas that you’re using that the excess is coming into your homes as well.”

“As the planet warms and scientists warn of the catastrophic future to come if we do not take immediate and drastic measures to end our addiction to fossil fuels, the fracked gas stranglehold on Pennsylvania shows no sign of slowing down,” said Barb Jarmoska. “I want to believe that fairness and democracy are still core American values, even as I look out my window and witness ongoing evidence to the contrary.”

Part 3, which will be released next week, focuses on community resistance to a proposed expansion of a compressor station along a massive pipeline that transports gas through New Jersey. If the expansion is approved, more gas will flow into Con Edison’s downstate New York delivery system.

The final film in the series explores the health impact of gas emissions in homes. Recent studies have found concerning levels of benzene and other carcinogens in gas leaking from stoves and boilers.

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NOTES TO THE EDITOR

*The Other End of the Pipeline* is a Wayward Z film with Sane Energy Project.

Film subjects and the filmmaker are available for interview.