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Twin Tiers Landowners Coalition Signs Up over 10,000 Acres in Tioga County PA

Mike White, one of the principals in the Twin Tiers Landowners Coalition (TTLC) announced that the Coalition is moving forward on a competitive lease for Tioga County, PA.

“Our landowners in Tioga County have continued to express confidence in the Coalition. We just closed the first round of landowner signups on July 15, and we are extremely pleased to report that we have over 10,800 acres signed up, with approximately 8,600 unleased acres ready to go,” said Mr. White.

The amount of acreage is substantial given the level of exploration and development in the County. Members in the Coalition have done an outstanding job recruiting their neighbors, recognizing that more acreage only increases the bargaining power of the Coalition. Natural gas operators have expressed surprise at the numbers accumulated by the Coalition.

“Our landowners have recognized that the only way to get a good deal is through the Coalition. Irrespective of the money, we want landowners to sign a good and protective lease that we will provide as the basis for the competitive bids,” said White. “That is why we hired professional consultants to advise us.”

While much of the land is spread throughout the northern half of the County and non-contiguous, the land will be more valuable when the Pennsylvania lawmakers pass new legislation for forced pooling expected to be considered in October along with a severance tax.

“Landowners in Pennsylvania are at a disadvantage until the state passes comprehensive legislation to prohibit gas companies from taking gas from unleased properties. The time to act is now,” said Mr. White.

Marketing to gas companies has begun and the lease is being finalized. TTLC will proceed to competitive bidding very shortly.

“We will do whatever we can to promote competition for our lands. Our landowners deserve the very best offers we can get with a fair and protective lease.”

TTLC has developed an extensive website at www.twintlc.com to provide information on Marcellus development both in Pennsylvania and New York along with the objectives and philosophy of the Coalition through the viewpoints of its professional consultants.

Twin Tiers Landowners Coalition is headquartered in Addison, NY and is focusing on landowners in Tioga County, PA, Steuben County, NY, and surrounding areas. For more information, call (607) 359-3311 or visit their website at www.twintlc.com.