

Rick Taylor –

David Butterworth and I will be traveling to New York to attend various meetings for the Northern Access Pipeline Project. The Northern Access consists of 97 miles of 24” pipeline, new lay in northern Pennsylvania and New York. These meetings are going to play a big part in the way pipelines are being permitted and looked at on a government and environmental level. If you receive a call blast to attend these meetings, do your best to attend. It will make a big difference in permitting these projects. The Rover Pipeline and the Atlantic Sunrise Pipeline have received FERC approval, which means these projects should be starting up by early summer. The Mariner East (Sunoco) Pipeline should also be getting underway soon. Smaller projects are starting to pick up around the Northeast, and there should be a good amount of maintenance work to come. I hope everyone has a good 2017.

I am looking forward to seeing everyone at Steward School April 10-14 this year. If you have not made reservations, please do so ASAP, as the rooms will go fast. Let’s make this Steward School one of the best. There are a lot of our members who need to attend and see what Local 798 is all about: the lunches, the Retiree Dinner, and the Ladies of 798. The NPLA will be read in its entirety this year. We have a few members who need to sit through Black’s version of PIPELINE ETIQUETTE. Actually, we have a lot of them, so please attend.

I have been getting a lot of calls about when I’m going to retire. I’m going to make it easy. My plans are to retire after Steward School 2017. I thank Danny, Wade and the membership for allowing me to serve in the capacity of Business Agent. All of you have made my job easy in so many ways. I will continue to visit with each of you at meetings. I will also be available in any way to help in the future. David Butterworth will take over the duties in the Northeast and will do an amazing job. You are in very capable hands.

I want to thank all my fellow Business Agents, Organizers, David Barnett, and our leadership for making this job memorable. We learned from each other and learned we could depend on each other. I also want to thank my close friends and family for their support. I appreciate you more than you know. I look forward to spending more time with you. I want to thank a man who brought this union back to the forefront, Jim Moss. Jim took us all under his wing and made us understand what it means to be a union member, along with making sure the NPLA was upheld. Jim had the wisdom to bring in Danny Hendrix and in October 2006, Danny hired me as an Agent. From that day, I have not looked back. What a journey it has been. Thanks to all and God Bless.

If I can help in anyway, please call.

As Always, Be Safe! Be Proud! Be Union!

Pre-Jobs:

*Blue Flame Pipeline:*

Smithburg, WV. Five miles of 24" and three miles of 20" pipeline new lay for Antero Resources. Welder Foreman: Robert Morris. Superintendent: Cliff Frymier. Working 6-10s. High Scale.