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As a Texas land owner in rural East Texas, currently I feel the only "rights" we have are the "right" to pay property taxes and the "right" to receive a notice in the mail that our land will be taken via eminent domain for a pipeline. As a middle class Texan/American citizen, there is no way I can fight the big oil companies when they decide they want to put a pipeline through my land. They have an endless supply of money and countless lawyers to fight us...As far as I see, it is a losing battle, we don't have a fair chance to keep our land!

Since 2007, I have been involved with pipeline companies, who want to put a pipeline through my land. Three of the 4 times, the pipeline company entered my land and surveyed without my permission.

1. First occurrence the pipeline company contacted us and informed us what they wanted to do. BEFORE they were given permission to enter our land, we found the survey crew on our land and removed them. The pipeline was never built.
2. Second occurrence, I was notified by the pipeline company via "my rights as a landowner" notice. I called the company several times and put them on notice that I did not want another pipeline on this piece of land. Pipeline was never built, but I don't think it had anything to do with my phone calls...the economy changed, gas price were down and the company decided that it was not economically feasible for them to build the pipeline.

3. & 4. On the 3rd and 4th occurrences, the "my rights as a landowner" notice was received AFTER the pipeline was surveyed on my property. The pipeline was built on the 3rd occurrence. The 4th time, although the notice from the pipeline company stated a pipeline, it was actually for a dehydration station. I met the company representative at the site and I asked him why it was already surveyed (6 acres of land), and he informed me that "they always survey" with or without permission. Since this was my 4th time to deal with a pipeline company, I took a recorder and recorded the entire conversation (which I still have). Occurrence 3 & 4 both were with Enbridge. Last time I looked, Enbridge was a Canadian company, but apparently a foreign company has more "rights" than an American/Texan land owner has.

The "Rights of Texas Landowner" is a joke when it comes to oil/gas companies who want to use your property to benefit oil/gas production.

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