

Senator Kaine, Senator Warner, and Representative Hurt,

As a resident of Virginia, I am asking you to help ensure that the Federal process charged with assessing the impacts of the Atlantic Coast Pipeline will be as robust as possible.

As we all know, Dominion filed their formal application to build the ACP with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) on Friday, Sept. 18. Despite the many serious concerns that citizens, local governments, elected representatives and federal agencies have raised, Dominion filed an "abbreviated" application with critical information (such as geological and endangered species surveys) still "to be determined." They have requested that FERC use "shortened procedures" and "waive rules and regulations" to promptly grant permission to build the ACP— This in spite of the fact that the application is 30,000 pages long and forms a stack of papers 10 feet high!

A rushed procedure is the opposite of what we need to protect our safety, health, and property from the harmful impacts of the ACP. This is precisely the industry behavior that has resulted in new gas pipelines failing today at the same rate as those built before the 1940s (according to the United States Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration and Pipeline Safety Trust).

I request that you urge FERC in the strongest possible terms to:

1. Enforce ALL regulations applicable to the ACP's filing, and NOT ALLOW shortened or abbreviated procedures in evaluating or approving Dominion's application.
2. Conduct a comprehensive evaluation of the direct, indirect, and cumulative impacts of all four interstate natural gas pipelines currently proposed for the central Blue Ridge and Appalachian Mountain region of Virginia in a single, programmatic Environmental Impact Statement (EIS).
3. Provide adequate time (at least 120 days) for public review and comments on the draft Environmental Impact Statement, once issued (given the anticipated complexity and length of this document).

We thank you in advance for your crucial assistance.

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