

November 25, 2014

Kimberly Bose, Secretary
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
888 First Street, NE
Washington, DC 20426

Dear Ms. Bose:

My name is Robert Herbst and I am writing out of deep concern over the proposed Atlantic Coast Pipeline.

I have over 60 years of experience as a business and environmental conservation executive, having served as the Assistant Secretary for Fish and Wildlife, National Parks Service and as Acting Secretary for the U.S. Department of the Interior. During my tenure with the Department of the Interior, I worked hard to preserve our national parks and trails.

Having spent time in Every National Park in the United States, the proposal to build the pipeline through some of the most beautiful and preserved wilderness in the East is appalling and not only goes against all that I worked for during my time in office, but more importantly poses a serious threat to the environment and to the broader communities along the route.

As an expert in the field, I feel that it is my duty to stress that the negative impacts of the Atlantic Coast Pipeline will far outweigh any positive outcomes. Natural gas pipelines, like the one being proposed in this project, accelerate the impacts of climate change. The pipeline will discourage the development and use of renewable energy, as well as energy conservation. It will encourage hydraulic fracturing, and increase methane emissions more harmful than CO2 emissions.

Supporters argue that the pipeline will make for more affordable energy for domestic use. The primary use of natural gas for promised economic development will undercut the benefits for residential use. Dominion's plan for the pipeline has all the indication of eventual exportation, which will ultimately result in a natural gas price increase. Instead of looking to the pipeline to generate jobs, it is important, in my opinion, to focus our efforts and the \$5 billion cost associated with the pipeline's construction toward renewable energy.

Private property owners and disadvantaged communities along the route will be drastically affected by the pipeline. The heavy handed approach that Dominion has implemented in their surveying efforts of private land is unacceptable. In fact, it has been brought to my attention that a low-income family in southern Nelson County is already facing displacement due to a lack of financial resources to defend their legal ownership of the land. More than a 100 year old family legacy will be erased under the agenda of corporate greed.

We have the opportunity to be leaders in the pursuit of sustainable solutions to global resource challenges while fostering healthy economic development. The Atlantic Coast Pipeline is taking a step in the wrong direction.

In the strongest possible terms I encourage FERC to seriously consider alternative routes for the Dominion Atlantic Coast Pipeline.

Thank you for your consideration on this very serious issue.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Robert Herbst". The signature is stylized and somewhat cursive, with the first name "Robert" written in a larger, more prominent script than the last name "Herbst".

Robert Herbst
Director, Global Environment & Technology Foundation