

Thank you for the opportunity to speak.

My name is Carolyn Fischer. I also live in Horizons Village, an intentional community dedicated to the preservation of the environment. We feel so strongly about this commitment, that we have set aside 100 of these **very expensive acres** to remain undisturbed forever. ~

This is the route the Atlantic Coast Pipeline wants to condemn, cut...slash and burn. ~

This path drops down a heavily wooded, steep slope then levels out into an expansive wetland. Here the water is clean enough to drink. **This is the valley where I live.** Here nature thrives. Cherry Birch bloom in the spring and flocks of migratory birds come to flourish amongst the diverse flora and abundant food. After winter the wetlands come alive with an unusual population of amphibious and aquatic life that is rarely found elsewhere. ~

All of this is protected under our covenants and through our lifestyle. If FERC approves the route of this pipeline.... **our environmental covenants will be eviscerated.** ~

The ACP will blast down our mountain and into the wetlands... destroying them forever. They will cross this low-land forest ...clear cutting 150 to 300 year old Trees, dig thru deep virgin topsoil...blasting rock and scattering fauna as they go... **on and thru..** Spruce Creek and onto the next private property. ~

Our community is felt to be deeply threatened by eminent domain seizure. ~

- How is this in the public's best interest to destroy our environment for the ACP's exclusive profits of selling gas to the Carolinas and overseas? ~
- How is this in the public's best interests to build an **unprecedented** 42" hi-pressure natural gas pipeline **right next** to our homes with a blast radius of 1100'? ~
- How is this in the public's best interest to cheaply condemn our land and then hold us liable to pay inflated insurance costs and property taxes **for a public utility to operate on private property?** ~
- How is this in the public's best interest **to site 90%** of this pipeline on private property instead of a public right of way? ~

This pipeline will **permanently disfigure our land, our way of life** and our Inalienable Rights of Life, Liberty and the Pursuit of Happiness. ~

I am begging the government to do what is right and move this pipeline out of our neighborhoods and into a public utility right of way. ~

Thank you