

# **NOW is the time to SEND A LETTER TO FERC!**

FERC's "scoping period" has begun. It will END on April 28, unless FERC extends the deadline to June 27. **URGENT!** We are responsible for "setting the scope" (ie, telling FERC what they need to include) in the required **Environmental Impact Statement**—*THE* official document of the regulatory process. During this "scoping period," we must raise every question we expect FERC to examine. The more concerns we raise, the more detailed FERC will need to be in the EIS. Our letters must "raise the bar" as high as possible, to ensure FERC thoroughly considers as many of our concerns as possible in the EIS.

At the top of your letter, identify: ***Atlantic Coast Pipeline/Docket # PF15-6***

***Re: Harmful impacts of proposed Atlantic Coast Pipeline***

Tell FERC how the ACP would affect you personally. Include specific details, even photos of your property, if possible. Mention risks to your spring or your well, your family's peace and safety, your wetlands, an historic cemetery. Explain worries about erosion and sedimentation in your streams, property values, and business income. Tell how Nelson's steep slopes and shallow soils are historically prone to landslides, how blasting would shatter Nelson's fragile bedrock, kill and disrupt endangered plants and wildlife.

Or think more broadly, and consider damage to the George Washington and Jefferson National Forests, all of Virginia, the region, our nation, even the world. Fossil fuels are causing climate change, period! Include links to related articles to prove your points.

## **Most important points to stress in your letters:**

- ❖ **Ask FERC to extend this "scoping period" to June 27—to compensate for the recent route proposals and the complexity of the terrain.**
- ❖ **Once it's completed, ask FERC to allow the full 120 days to comment on the "draft" Environmental Impact Statement, given its anticipated complexity and length.**
- ❖ Ask FERC to require Dominion to fully consider alternative ways to meet the supposed "need" for this gas. Alternatives must include alternate routes that use existing pipeline, utility and transportation easements; renewable energy; and increased efficiency.
- ❖ Ask FERC to fully assess all cumulative impacts of past pipelines and foreseeable consequences of existing and proposed pipelines in Virginia—including the broader related impacts of fracking, exporting, and climate change.
- ❖ Ask FERC to detail the exact "mitigation measures" they will require of Dominion to compensate for all the damage to Nelson County.

**Comment via FERC's "E-comment" link:** <https://ferconline.ferc.gov/QuickComment.aspx>

**Or send your letters via snail mail addressed to:**

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