

Senator Tim Kaine
388 Russell Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

April 18, 2015

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Immediate action is needed!

I appreciate your letter to FERC chairperson Cheryl LaFleur, regarding recent inadequate public participation opportunities at the FERC “public” meetings in Nelson and Augusta Counties for the proposed Atlantic Coast Pipeline. However, making changes to the process to ensure equitable opportunities *in the future* will NOT help our citizens if FERC doesn’t schedule “re-dos” of the FERC meetings, in which Dominion so blatantly corrupted the procedures and raised such anger in our communities. **I ask you to specifically request from FERC, a *second Scoping Meeting for Nelson County---and a FIRST meeting for the people of Buckingham County!* In addition, please request an extension of the ACP Scoping Period until June 27, 2015. These changes are critically necessary to provide reasonable time and opportunity for public participation.**

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Currently, FERC procedures and communications imply that proposed pipelines are a “done deal,” and give the impression that property owners will suffer legal action if they dare to delay or obstruct negotiation of easements. No one in this country should ever lose property through eminent domain unless “public need” is indisputably demonstrated to outweigh public harm. Yet, it has become hugely apparent that FERC equates “public need” with industrial contracts---singularly favoring the gas industry, with no regard for the public. FERC’s analysis of “harm” centers on industry profits, with little consideration of landowner rights or environmental damage. Furthermore, it is an *outrage* that the cumulative environmental impacts of fracking and pipeline construction on *climate change* don’t even appear on the radar. **On behalf of Virginians and all citizens of the United States, I urge you to require FERC “regulators” to provide a thorough and accurate assessment of both “need” and “harm.” This assessment must include alternatives to the pipeline, acknowledgement of the oil and gas industries’ pervasive reliance on eminent domain, and consideration of the cumulative effects of multiple pipeline proposals and fracking on environmental and human health and *world climate change*.**

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Senator Mark Warner
475 Russell Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

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Governor Terry McAuliffe
1111 East Broad Street
Richmond, VA 23219

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Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
888 First Street NE, Room 1A
Washington, DC 20426

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RE: Atlantic Coast Pipeline, Docket #PF15-6-000

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