

## **Take Action:**

### **Don't let Dominion change the rules to fix its pipeline problems**

The proposed route for Dominion's 600-mile Atlantic Coast Pipeline has been a mess from the beginning. It carves through family farms, steep mountain ridges, and public water supplies, and it is slated to cross the Appalachian Trail on U.S. Forest Service land, a move that federal judges say is not legal.

Rather than reconsider their poorly-planned project, **Dominion is asking the U.S. Congress to change laws** to make way for its unneeded gas pipeline.

Contact your senators and representative in Congress today and ask them to oppose legislation that makes way for the Atlantic Coast Pipeline.

## **What It's About**

Dominion is in trouble. It's been five years since the company announced that it would build a high-pressure gas pipeline from West Virginia, across the Allegheny and Blue Ridge Mountains of Virginia, into North Carolina. Today, the proposed Atlantic Coast Pipeline is broadly unpopular, 50 percent over budget (now a shocking \$7.5+ billion), and two years behind schedule.

In December 2018, a federal court in Richmond said that Dominion's plan to cross the Appalachian Trail was not legal, and it overturned the U.S. Forest Service's approval of the crossing. Dominion is calling on Congress to come to its rescue, asking senators and representatives to change the law and undo the court's ruling.

The Appalachian Trail crossing is one of seven permits that federal courts have overturned or put on hold, all because of Dominion's careless route selection and rushed permitting. And it's increasingly clear that the pipeline is not needed to meet electricity and gas demand. Worse, electricity customers in Virginia and North Carolina would be on the hook to pay for the costly new pipeline.

Tell your senators and your representative in Congress that you oppose legislation that would change the rules to make way for Dominion's unneeded and destructive pipeline.

Thank you for taking action to protect the mountain streams, family farms, private property, water supplies, and Appalachian Trail that we all cherish.

## **Legislator Letter Copy**

Dear lawmaker (their name will show up)

I am very concerned that Dominion Energy is attempting to influence members of congress to solve its permitting problems for the proposed Atlantic Coast Pipeline. Please oppose any legislation that clears the way for this destructive and unnecessary project. Please also let your congressional leadership know that you oppose any such legislation.

Dominion is having permitting problems because it chose a terrible route for the pipeline-- through a national park and two national forests, family farms, public water supplies, and the steepest mountains in Virginia. The company believed it could rely on political pressure to permit the project.

Further, courts are waiting to hear challenges to other permits, including one that involves the basic question of whether the pipeline is needed in the first place. The facts show we don't need the Atlantic Coast Pipeline to meet electricity and gas demand, and Dominion electricity customers would be forced to pay for the unneeded project.

Please do not change federal law to make way for this unnecessary and destructive pipeline.

Thank you for considering my comment.

Signed....

## **Phone Script**

I am a constituent of Senator or Congressman. I live in your town, and I am calling about the Atlantic Coast Pipeline.

I am asking Senator or Congressman to please oppose any legislation that would make way for the pipeline, including a new law allowing the ACP to cross the Appalachian Trail. Please also let congressional leadership know that Senator or Congressman opposes any such legislation.

Dominion is having permitting problems because it chose a terrible route for the pipeline-- through a national park and national forest lands, family farms, public water supplies, and the steepest mountains in Virginia.

Facts show that the pipeline is not needed to meet electricity and gas demands. And I am concerned that electricity ratepayers will be stuck with the cost of building the pipeline.

Please do not change federal law to make way for the unneeded and destructive ACP.

Thanks for considering my comment.

## **Social Media Copy**

Facebook: ACP developers Dominion and Duke are pushing Congress to undo a federal court ruling to get their destructive and unnecessary pipeline project under way. Tell your representatives in Congress to protect the Appalachian Trail and oppose any legislation that would remove important checks on the destructive and unnecessary Atlantic Coast Pipeline.

Twitter: Tell your representatives in Congress to protect the Appalachian Trail and oppose any legislation that would remove important checks on the destructive and unnecessary Atlantic Coast Pipeline. #NoACP