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Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515-4605
May 21, 2015

Mr. Stephen A. Carter
County Administrator, Nelson County
P.O. Box 336
Lovingsston, VA 22949

Dear Administrator Carter:

I am writing you to share with you the letter I recently received from the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) in response to my letter of April 16 regarding the scoping process for the Atlantic Coast Pipeline initiative. I was disappointed by the agency's response, so I wrote a second letter to FERC on May 21, which is also enclosed for your information.

Please feel free to share each of these letters with the Board of Supervisors. I hope the County will continue to be in touch with my office, FERC, and the prospective applicants as this process continues to unfold. Please do not hesitate to contact me if I can be of further assistance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "RHurt", written over a large blue circular scribble.

Robert Hurt

Enclosures (2)

FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, DC 20426

May 13, 2015

OFFICE OF THE CHAIRMAN

The Honorable Robert Hurt
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congressman Hurt:

Thank you for your April 16, 2015, letter regarding the environmental scoping process for Atlantic Coast Pipeline, LLC's planned Atlantic Coast Pipeline Project (FERC Docket No. PF15-6-000).

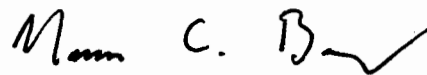
I regret that all those who wanted to speak at the March 18, 2015 scoping meeting were not able to do so. I understand that FERC staff made every effort to hear from as many people as possible, and in fact extended the meeting for an additional 45 minutes beyond the scheduled end time.

Scoping meetings are held to allow FERC staff to gain an understanding of the issues posed by a proposed project so that appropriate studies may be designed. The meetings are not intended to be a means of gauging public sentiment. With respect to the planned Atlantic Coast Pipeline Project, FERC staff has held ten scoping meetings at locations along the pipeline route and have collected over 2,000 written comments. FERC staff has concluded that this process has allowed it to fully identify the issues surrounding the proposed project. Accordingly, there are no plans for additional scoping meetings. Should Atlantic Coast Pipeline file an application with the Commission for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity, FERC staff will hold public meetings to take comments on a Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

I encourage those concerned about the planned project to file written comments with the Commission. Such comments receive the same attention and scrutiny as those made at public meetings.

If I can be of further assistance in this or any other Commission matter, do not hesitate to let me know.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Norman C. Bay" with a stylized flourish at the end.

Norman C. Bay
Chairman

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May 21, 2015

Mr. Norman C. Bay, Chairman
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
888 First St N.E.
Washington, D.C. 20426

Dear Chairman Bay:

Thank you for your recent letter in response to my April 16 letter regarding the Atlantic Coast Pipeline initiative. I was disappointed that FERC denied my request to hold an additional scoping meeting so the residents of Nelson County, Virginia, and the surrounding areas could express their views on this matter. More than 60 percent of those who attended the scoping meeting in Nelson County and requested time to offer brief remarks were not afforded the opportunity to do so. Robust opportunities for public input are critical to any significant initiative in a community, particularly one that involves the public health and safety and private property rights.

I appreciate the fact that this process is far from complete. As you stated in your letter, should the applicants file an application with the Commission, FERC will hold additional public meetings to take comments on an Environmental Impact Statement and other matters. Given the significant level of community interest in this initiative and your experience with the recent scoping meetings, I expect that FERC will make the necessary adjustments to accommodate all persons that seek the opportunity to comment publicly at future meetings in the communities along the proposed routes. FERC should schedule an adequate number of meetings and be prepared to arrive early to these meetings and stay late to ensure that all those who wish to offer a brief oral comment have the opportunity to do so.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter. Please do not hesitate to contact my office with any questions or additional information.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "RHurt".

Robert Hurt