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ALL OF ALLEGHANY, BATH, HIGHLAND, NELSON,
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November 6, 2015

The Honorable Norman C. Bay and Commissioners
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
888 1st Street NE
Washington, DC 20426

RE: Docket # CP15-554-000 (Atlantic Coast Pipeline)

Dear Chairman Bay and Commissioners,

As a member of the Senate of Virginia, I write to express my support for a programmatic Environmental Impact Statement to address the impacts of the three major natural gas line projects currently before the Federal Energy and Review Commission as well as one other project in development. While my comments specifically relate to the Atlantic Coast Pipeline (ACC), which is expected to cross two jurisdictions within the 25th Senate District that I represent, I am concerned that the cumulative impacts of the ACC, the Mountain Valley Pipeline, the WB Express Project, and the Appalachian Connector Pipeline may go overlooked without proper consideration as a whole.

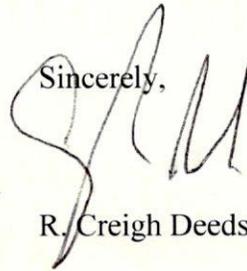
Given the potential that regional impacts that may be minimized, I am hopeful FERC will consider requiring a comprehensive regional or programmatic EIS for the projects as they are similarly situated geographically and have expected impacts on many of the same natural resources, including our national forests and watersheds. Moreover a programmatic EIS will permit FERC to properly consider the stated public need for each project and any reasonable alternatives.

I do not take a position on the Atlantic Coast Pipeline, as it is not a legislative matter. However, our citizens deserve a process that is open, comprehensive, and conducive to developing the most appropriate response.

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I feel strongly that a programmatic EIS is vital to this process and appreciate your consideration of my request. Please let me know if you have any questions or need additional information.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'R. Deeds', written over the word 'Sincerely,'.

R. Creigh Deeds

cc: Thomas Uybarretta, EPA (electronically)
Jennifer P. Adams, Forest Service (electronically)