

To: The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission on May 21, 2016

From: Frank H. Reichel III, Intervenor

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

My name is Frank Reichel, and I own a farm at 8667 Mill Creek Road in Millboro, VA. I stand opposed to the building of the Atlantic Coast Pipeline and in particular to the GWNF-6 alternative route. I am opposed to the rerouting of the pipeline through residential areas in Bath County which will create countless problems for residents. I will describe some of these which are especially important to me.

The first reason is that we don't need the ACP given the amount of gas that can already flow from the Marcellus Shale region. Furthermore, we don't need to build a 42" pipeline to deliver gas from a shale field that may only produce adequate quantities of gas for the next decade with steep production declines expected to come after that if not sooner.

My second reason is damage to the pristine karst topography prevalent in the Bath County region. There are numerous areas on our property that fall within the karst topography map which indicate a likely presence of caves and sinkholes making it a poor area for locating a pipeline. There are large areas of our property that are hilly with soft stone formations and any underground disruption would cause harmful erosion.

Third is the damage to our water supply caused by disturbing the earth in and around our property. As with most people along the Atlantic Coast Pipeline route, we rely on well water and even with a deep well, we are often troubled about water quantity and quality especially during dry periods. Any damage to the underground aquifer could potentially render us unable to provide water to our house or farm. We also have a pond which is fed by a spring coming down from the mountain behind us. This spring and our pond would be put at risk.

My fourth reason is damage to our aesthetics. Our farm which is named Viewpoint Farm looks over the beautiful green Deerfield Valley that is filled with large swaths of trees. During construction this view will be marred by all of the excavation equipment that will be clearing the land and digging the huge trench. It is my understanding that afterwards there will be a superhighway of cleared land heading down that valley which will never be allowed to return to its natural state. You can't ever get that back.

My fifth objection today is concern about the inability of our family to evacuate should something go wrong with the pipeline. Given the way that the pipeline crosses both Mill Creek Road east of where we live and Deerfield Road both north and south of us, in the event of an emergency we would be stuck in a triangle surrounded by the Atlantic Coast Pipeline. I don't want to put my children and future grandchildren in such a precarious position.

I hereby request that you extend the scoping period to 90 days for more impact tests. I also urge that FERC conduct a Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement for the ACP. In addition to the reasons mentioned in the paragraphs above about my family's personal situation, I do not want the U.S. Forest Service to issue a right of way for the pipeline nor do I want the pipeline to cross the George Washington National Forest in conflict with its' most recent 10-year plan.

In closing, I ask that the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission deny the Atlantic Coast Pipeline Application due to the lack of need, potential karst damage, water contamination, aesthetic harm and safety concerns. Thank you for the opportunity to present my comments to you today.

Sincerely,

Frank H. Reichel III