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Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
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Washington, DC 20426

Re: Docket No. CP15-554
The Atlantic Coast Pipeline

And

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Ms. Bose and Mr. Christian:

We, the undersigned use either spring water or well water for our drinking water. Public water is not available to us. Our springs and wells are located in karst bedrock per the United States Geological Survey. These springs and wells are within 2 miles of the proposed Atlantic Coast Pipeline. We are very much concerned about contamination, diminution, or cessation of our drinking water from the construction and maintenance of the Atlantic Coast Pipeline should it be constructed as currently proposed.

We believe that the 500 foot testing limit proposed by The Atlantic Coast Pipeline for assessing damages to wells and springs from construction and maintenance of the pipeline, access roads, and supporting structures in karst bedrock is unrealistic, and not based on sound scientific evidence. Sound scientific evidence clearly shows that due to the fragile nature of underground water channels and the interaction between surface waters and groundwaters due to sinking springs and other surface waters in karst soils that springs or wells far from the proposed pipeline are likely to be contaminated, diminished, or stopped completely from construction and maintenance activity, including blasting, the discharge of pollutants, and the spraying of herbicides.

Geological studies confirm that Atlantic's proposed testing limit is not based on sound scientific evidence. Recent studies completed by William Jones, Rick Lambert, Ernst Kastning, and the Sullivan Report, and Emery and Garrett Groundwater Investigations, LLC, both for Augusta County, all confirm that pollution from pipeline construction and maintenance can travel long distances to private wells and springs. Studies have shown that pollutants can travel 8 miles and more in karst terrain. They also confirm that blasting for pipeline construction can damage fragile subsurface water passages disrupting or completely stopping water supplies to wells and springs. Additionally, blasting can damage well casings, leaving the well susceptible to contamination.

Therefore, we hereby demand that the Atlantic Coast Pipeline complete comprehensive water quality and water quantity assessments to be carried out by an independent qualified water quality laboratory at all currently used drinking water springs and wells, and all other springs that could be used as drinking water sources within 2 miles of the proposed pipeline in karst terrain. These assessments must be made within one year prior to any construction activity for the pipeline, during the construction of the pipeline, 3 months after construction of the pipeline, and once per year for 5 years following completion of the pipeline, and within 1 month of any herbicide application.

If, at any time following the commencement of construction, should the test results show increased

pollution to a spring or well, or diminution, or cessation of that spring or well that cannot be proven to come from an event or source other than the construction activity or maintenance for the Atlantic Coast Pipeline, then we demand that the Atlantic Coast Pipeline supply continuous clean drinking water in the quantity found during the pre construction testing within 24 hours of the test results, and construct a permanent clean drinking water supply system in the quantity found during the pre construction testing no later than 3 months following the test results unless Atlantic can prove that the damage was the result of some other activity or event.

We also hereby demand that the Atlantic Coast Pipeline develop a mitigation plan that is developed and approved by FERC, the Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation, and the local board of supervisors in each affected locality should a private well or spring become polluted, diminished, or ceased as a result of construction or maintenance of the Atlantic Coast Pipeline. The plan shall establish the Atlantic Coast Pipeline's financial liability to repair, replace, or remediate any private well, or spring within 2 miles of the pipeline in karst areas. The plan shall also provide for alternative potable water supplies during a water outage. The plan shall require and specify appropriate financial assurances such as escrow accounts, surety bonds, insurance instruments, etc. to ensure that any remediation is completed, and appropriate compensation for property value loss due to a compromised water supply is given, even if the company is no longer solvent.

Sincerely,

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