

FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20426

OFFICE OF ENERGY PROJECTS

**In Reply Refer To:**

OEP/DG2E/Gas Branch 4  
Atlantic Coast Pipeline, LLC  
Atlantic Coast Pipeline  
Dominion Energy Transmission, Inc.  
Supply Header Project  
Docket Nos. CP15-554-000,  
CP15-554-001, and CP15-555-000

March 28, 2018  
Mr. Matthew R. Bley  
Director Gas Transmission Certificates  
Dominion Energy Transmission, Inc.  
707 East Main Street  
Richmond, VA 23219

**Re: Denial of Request to Modify Time-of-Year Restrictions**

Dear Mr. Bley:

On March 15, 2018, Atlantic Coast Pipeline, LLC (Atlantic) and Dominion Energy Transmission, Inc. (DETI) requested to modify certain time-of-year restrictions under environmental condition 1 of the Commission's October 13, 2017 *Order Issuing Certificates* (Order) for the above-referenced projects. As part of your applications, Atlantic and DETI committed to minimizing impacts on both migratory bird species and threatened and endangered species by adhering to time-of-year tree felling restrictions. Accordingly, this mitigation measure is one of many that the Commission considered in its Order when granting Certificates to Atlantic and DETI. After a thorough review of your request, we find that it would not offer an equal or greater level of protection, and deny Atlantic and DETI's request to modify the time-of-year restrictions established during project review. If you have any questions, please contact Kevin Bowman, environmental project manager at 202-502-6287.

Sincerely,

Rich McGuire, Director  
Division of Gas -- Environment  
and Engineering

cc: Public File, Docket Nos. CP15-554-000, CP15-554-001, and CP15-555-000