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In Reply Refer To:
OEP/DG2E/Gas Branch 4
Atlantic Coast Pipeline, LLC
Atlantic Coast Pipeline
Dominion Energy Transmission, Inc.
Docket Nos. CP15-554-000 and
CP15-554-001

May 11, 2018

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

Re: Notice to Proceed and Approval of Variances

Mr. Bley:

I grant Atlantic Coast Pipeline, LLC's (Atlantic) and Dominion Energy Transmission, Inc.'s (DETI) April 13, 2018 request, as supplemented on April 18, 2018, to commence full construction in the certificated workspace and select areas with changes, for the 2018 construction spreads in West Virginia. Specifically, this authorization grants approval to proceed on properties where tree felling has occurred or for which there are no trees, excluding any workspace located on U.S. National Forest Service lands, as indicated in Attachment 1 (Table of Proposed Facility Modifications) of the supplement to your Implementation Plan (IP) filed on April 18, 2018. I also authorize complete use of, including improvements to those Certificated access roads listed in Attachment A (Certificated Access Roads in West Virginia and North Carolina) provided in your April 18, 2018 IP supplement. Pipe Yard 01-A in Randolph County, West Virginia, as requested in your May 4, 2018 filing, is also authorized for full use.

In addition, this letter approves your May 4, 2018 variance request to utilize two new contractor yards in West Virginia: CY Spr 2A in Randolph County and CY Spr 03-B in Pocahontas County.

This approval is only for the referenced facilities in West Virginia and **does not** approve the use of additional access roads, compressor stations, and yards not yet

authorized. Also, use of the additional temporary workspace modification (A_1-1_23) located at milepost 13.5 (approximately station no 713+76) on Spread 1-1 is **not** authorized at this time due to pending survey completion and agency concurrence. Additionally, the time of year waivers DETI has requested for stream crossings as part of its supplemental implementation plan are **not** approved at this time until appropriate justification is provided.

In considering this limited notice to proceed, we have reviewed Atlantic and DETI's Implementation Plan, filed on October 17, 2017, construction constraint maps, and tree-felling maps. Based on our review, Atlantic and DETI have provided the necessary information to meet the environmental conditions of the Commission's October 13, 2017 *Order Issuing Certificates* (Order) solely as it relates to the activities approved herein. In addition, we have documented the receipt or waiver of all required federal authorizations relevant to the approved activities herein.

I remind you that Atlantic and DETI must comply with all applicable terms and conditions of the Order, as well as the conservation measures identified in other agency authorizations required by federal law.

If you have any questions regarding this authorization, please contact Kevin Bowman at 202-502-6287.

Sincerely,

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and Engineering

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