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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

October 23, 2018

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

Re: Notice to Proceed with Full Construction and Approval of Variances in West Virginia

Dear Mr. Bley:

I grant Atlantic Coast Pipeline, LLC's (Atlantic) and Dominion Energy Transmission, Inc.'s (DETI) September 26, 2018 request as supplemented on October 1, 2018, to commence construction of all remaining certificated workspaces on Spreads 1-1, 1-2, 2-1, 2-A, and 3A in West Virginia. Construction of certificated workspaces on Spread 3 is also approved, except for the area between FERC mileposts (MPs) 77.9-78.6 pending concurrence on the Treatment Plan for this area. I also approve construction at the following locations on Spread 2-2: between FERC MPs 47.38-49.08 (Station Nos. 2486+34 to 2607+90) and FERC MPs 56-56.2 (Station Nos. 3135+00 to 3149+24). Please note that this authorization does **NOT** include construction on National Forest Service Lands.

Additionally, I grant Atlantic and DETI's variance requests identified in Attachments 1, 4, and 7, with the following exception: your requests as described in Attachments 1 and 2 for alignment shifts and workspaces on spreads 2A and 3 and within habitat for Indiana Bat that do not have a determination of *no effect*, are **denied**. Once you provide confirmation from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service that work at these locations would be consistent with the Biological Opinion, we will reassess your request.

Based on our review of your request, as well as Atlantic's and DETI's October 17, 2017 Implementation Plan (IP), Atlantic and DETI have provided the necessary information to meet the environmental conditions of the Commission's October 13, 2017 Order Issuing Certificates (Order) as it relates to the requested work in West Virginia. Atlantic and DETI have received all federal authorizations applicable for the work activities requested.

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, and any required state or local permits. If you have any questions regarding this authorization, please contact me at 202-502-6287.

Sincerely,

Kevin Bowman, Project Manager
Division of Gas – Environment
and Engineering

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