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**RESOLUTION 2015-24  
NELSON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

**RESOLUTION PETITIONING ATLANTIC COAST PIPELINE LLC AND THE  
FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION TO CONSIDER A  
PREFERRED ROUTE THAT MINIMIZES THE USE OF EMINENT DOMAIN  
TAKINGS OF PERSONAL PROPERTY**

**WHEREAS**, ninety-four percent (94%) of the Atlantic Coast Pipeline is proposed to be constructed on privately owned land potentially requiring the use of eminent domain against private property owners; and

**WHEREAS**, the proposed Atlantic Coast pipeline would cross the properties of over 200 landowners in Nelson County; and

**WHEREAS**, a preponderance of these property owners have denied Dominion and their agents permission to survey their land; and

**WHEREAS**, Dominion is prepared to initiate eminent domain proceedings against Nelson County property owners who oppose the construction of the Atlantic Coast Pipeline across their property; and

**WHEREAS**, Dominion has taken no action to minimize eminent domain takings in Nelson County by proposing a route using existing rights of way that would minimize or eliminate the need for use of eminent domain against property owners in Nelson County; and

**WHEREAS**, the majority of Nelson County citizens are opposed to the construction of the Atlantic Coast Pipeline across private properties in Nelson County;

**WHEREAS**, Federal law requires the consideration of route alternatives to minimize environmental impacts to communities along the path of the ACP; and

**WHEREAS**, co-location options with other utility easements are possible for the ACP, and

**WHEREAS**, the Nelson County Board of Supervisors has previously passed Resolution R2014-67 opposing the the construction and operation of the Atlantic Coast Pipeline in Nelson County, and

**WHEREAS**, nothing in the newly proposed alternative routes through Nelson County has altered the concerns expressed in the previous resolution,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Nelson County Board of Supervisors reaffirms its opposition to the construction and operation of the Atlantic Coast Pipeline in Nelson County, and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Board hereby petitions the Atlantic Coast Pipeline LLC to create a preferred route for the ACP that co-locates within existing utility corridors to the maximum extent possible thus minimizing or eliminating the need for eminent domain against private property owners, and

**BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED**, that the Board hereby petitions the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission to require that Atlantic Coast Pipeline LLC proffer a preferred, responsible route and a corresponding cost analysis that minimizes the use of eminent domain and maximizes the use of existing rights of way and property easements.

Adopted: March 10, 2015

Attest:  Clerk  
Nelson County Board of Supervisors