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Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
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Re: Docket No. CP15-554 Atlantic Coast Pipeline

August 3, 2020

Secretary Bose:

The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's 15 day comment period on Atlantic Coast Pipeline's request for a modified 1 year extension for stand down activities does not provide sufficient time for landowners, impacted communities, nor state officials to effectively analyze or comment on proposed restoration activities. The public's efforts to provide FERC meaningful comments on ACP's stand down activities is further complicated because ACP gave no indication of what "restoration" activities would even look like during their requested 1 year window.

Comment periods are only effective when the public is given information to comment on. FERC must require ACP to provide spread-by-spread overviews of proposed restoration activities, including how both buried pipe and pipe laid on the right of way will be handled. Further, NC environmental officials and the public must be provided information on how the pipe underneath the Tar River – the primary drinking water source for thousands of Nash Co. residents – will be removed and given ample time to review those activities and provide comment.

Further, there are no details provided by ACP in their stand down extension request regarding the hundreds of properties affected by eminent domain. ACP has given no indication in their extension request that they plan to communicate with landowners during the restoration period to discuss activities on their properties, or what restoration activities will include. The status of those easements and landowners' property rights during the restoration time must be released to the public, and FERC must allow the public and state officials sufficient time to review that information.

The extension request also neglects to include information on how ACP intends to communicate with state agencies regarding monitoring and reporting of restoration activities and environmental impacts. As it stands in the company's request, it is not clear if status reports or compliance monitoring reports will be required or publically available – information that was required when the pipeline was being constructed.

The Atlantic Coast Pipeline was already given the go-ahead to plow through our communities and waterways when FERC granted its initial certificate in late 2017. FERC cannot allow ACP to continue to destroy our land and water through this fast-tracked comment period. Clean Water

for North Carolina objects to a period of a full year to restore the pipeline without having released landowners from easement agreements that will impair their ability to use their land or sell it as needed.

Thank you for your consideration,

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