

RESOLUTION R2014-67
NELSON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
RESOLUTION IN OPPOSITION OF THE ATLANTIC COAST PIPELINE

WHEREAS, a joint venture led by Dominion has proposed a gas pipeline (Atlantic Coast Pipeline formerly Southeast Reliability Project) to run from West Virginia to North Carolina, crossing Nelson County from the Blue Ridge Mountains to the James River; and

WHEREAS, the proposed route through Nelson County traverses much of our most scenic, rugged, and undeveloped terrain; and

WHEREAS, the construction of the pipeline through the watershed of the Rockfish River would disturb and damage surface water resources at or near every stream crossing; and

WHEREAS, the construction and existence of a gas pipeline of the magnitude proposed would have a harmful effect on tourism, a critical component of the economy of Nelson County; and

WHEREAS, real estate along or near the proposed route would be adversely impacted, harming not only those property owners directly in the path of the pipeline, but also neighboring properties; and

WHEREAS, the building and continued presence of a gas pipeline through the county would impose a significant burden on local government resources including but not limited to our largely volunteer fire and rescue services; and

WHEREAS, Nelson County would not derive any perceptible benefit from the project sufficient to compensate us for the harm caused to property owners, tourism, natural resources, and the ongoing disruption of life in the county for a period of years.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Nelson County Board of Supervisors hereby firmly opposes the construction and operation of the Atlantic Coast Pipeline.

Adopted; _____, 2014

Attest: _____, Clerk
Nelson County Board of Supervisors