

April 10, 2016

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
1234 Main Street
Washington, DC

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

On Thursday, April 7, 2016 the Randolph County Commission met in regular session and was presented information from a group of citizens from the Mingo District Historical Society that expressed their serious concerns regarding the alternate route of the Atlantic Coast Pipeline. (Docket Numbers: CP15-554-000 and CP15-554-001)

Some of the highlights of their concerns are as follows:

NO SCOPING MEETING BEING HELD ON THE ALTERNATE ROUTE

A scoping meeting is usually held during the period before a pipeline route application is submitted to FERC. A Scoping Meeting was held in Randolph County on the original route; however it is this Commission's information that FERC does not intend to do so for the new alternate route. As it stands, ACP's existing Environmental Impact Assessment does not address features existing in Mingo Flats, and FERC would have to make a decision on the basis of non-applicable information. Affected citizens must be given the opportunity to speak.

POTENTIAL DAMAGE TO ADJOINING PROPERTY

The potential damage to individual's property that live beside the pipeline, due to the unstable nature of karst land, plus possible construction damage to known historical structures and destruction of significant historical sites and artifacts.

FOLLOW THE ORIGINAL ROUTE AS PLANNED

Communications from our federal government officials have been supportive of changing the original route to protect trees and animals, but showing little interest in evaluating danger and damage potential of the new route.

Following a 3-0 vote (in favor) the Randolph County Commission strongly supports and urges FERC to do the following:

1. Schedule a Scoping Meeting as soon as possible so that property owners along the affected new route may express their concerns to the appropriate authorities.
2. Give strong and serious consideration to returning to the original route as proposed by ACP.

Please note that the Randolph County Commission supports the **responsible** construction and installation of the ACP, but at the same time we must be cognizant of the issues and concerns raised by the proposed alternate route through the Mingo Historical District.

Respectfully submitted:

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Chris See, Commissioner

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