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Washington, DC 20515**

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The Honorable Norman C. Bay  
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Chairman Bay:

We write to you regarding the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's (FERC) ongoing consideration of the proposed Atlantic Coast Pipeline (ACP) and Mountain Valley Pipeline (MVP). If constructed, both pipelines would traverse the congressional districts we represent in the Commonwealth of Virginia, running from the West Virginia border in the northwest and southwest parts of the state to the North Carolina state line to the south and Virginia's coast to the east.

On September 18, 2015, Dominion Virginia Power and its partners filed an application to proceed with the ACP, and on October 23, 2015, EQT and NextEra filed to move forward with the MVP. We continue to hear from constituents who have expressed concerns about both pipelines and are closely monitoring their comments, communicating with stakeholders, and following developments as FERC moves forward with its review processes for the proposals.

We have repeatedly heard from constituents with respect to both proposals about the need for FERC to consider the totality of the circumstances involved and review these proposals in the context of each other. Given the circumstances, we believe it is important that the ACP and MVP are collectively considered in the context of existing regional energy infrastructure and projected regional energy needs. Such a review process is important because of the geographic proximity of the proposals and the sheer number of communities and property-owners that could be impacted in the region. Failing to consider the totality of the circumstances would be short-sighted.

In addition, we are interested to know if FERC will consider the potential economic impacts that these proposals may have in the respective communities that could be impacted. The diverse nature of the communities along these routes indicate that the economic impact will vary and the impact will be felt differently in communities that rely on industrial development compared to communities that rely more heavily on tourism, recreation, and agriculture.

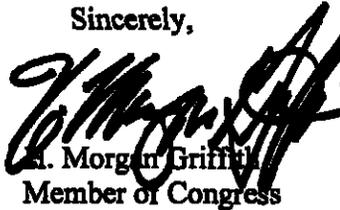
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We respectfully ask you to explain how FERC considers pipeline proposals on a regional basis and assesses their potential economic impacts. Analyzing what is occurring in our region could serve as a test case for how the agency can reduce time, paperwork, and spending by considering such applications on a collective basis as opposed to as separate endeavors. Coordinating such major infrastructure projects would also help address the need to develop a long-range plan for addressing the nation's energy's needs while still accepting extensive public input.

Sincerely,



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