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The Honorable Norman C. Bay and Commissioners  
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission  
888 1<sup>st</sup> Street NE  
Washington, DC 20426

RE: Docket # CP15-554-000 (Atlantic Coast Pipeline) & Docket #CP16-10-000 (Mountain Valley Pipeline)

Dear Chairman Bay and Commissioners,

As a member of the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Virginia, I am writing to request that the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission develop a Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement to address the impacts of three major pipeline proposals currently before FERC, as well as an additional project in development.

Because of the close proximity of these projects, both in geography and time, construction and operation of the Atlantic Coast Pipeline, Mountain Valley Pipeline, Appalachian Connector Pipeline, and the WB Xpress project will have significant regional effects when taken together. The risks to human health, environmental integrity, and the economy from these projects cannot be fully understood without a comprehensive review.

A programmatic review of these projects is particularly necessary in light of the infringement on property rights that would occur should these projects be approved. A partner of Mountain Valley Pipeline LLC recently admitted that "natural gas from the Mountain Valley Pipeline could be part of a supply portfolio for exports to India."

FERC must undertake a review that fully considers the domestic need for these projects in light of the impacts to landowners, some of whom would be affected by more than one of the projects.

I appreciate the complexity of striking the correct balance between energy development and preservation and protection of property rights and the natural environment. With so much at stake in Virginia and the region, conducting a Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement will help the Commission—and the public—understand the full impact of these pipeline projects.

Please let me know if you have any questions or need additional information.

Sincerely,

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Member, Virginia House of Delegates  
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