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May 23, 2016

Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
888 First Street NE, Room 1A
Washington, DC 20426

Re: Docket No. CP15-554-000 for the ACP

Dear Secretary Bose:

Rockbridge County Virginia is located just to the south and east of portions of the proposed Atlantic Coast Pipeline (ACP) project. The Rockbridge County Board of Supervisors and staff have reviewed the most recent route adjustment and the Board desires to offer comment on the proposed project during the 30 day scoping/comment period which ends on June 2, 2016.

While the ACP route does not traverse Rockbridge County, its course will directly impact the channels and watershed of the Calfpasture River in Bath and Augusta Counties, which is a primary tributary of the Maury River. The Maury River drains over 90% of Rockbridge County and in varying ways, impacts all of our residents. It is the singular water source for both the City of Lexington a large portion of the County population surrounding the City. Additionally, the Maury River is a significant recreational destination for both residents of and visitors to Rockbridge County, the Cities of Lexington and Buena Vista, and the Towns of Goshen and Glasgow, creating jobs and generating revenue for the region. Thus, protection of this critical natural resource is of the highest concern for Rockbridge County. Specifically, short term and long term stream siltation and site specific introduction of contaminants via a pipeline construction and operation could have catastrophic impacts on Rockbridge County.

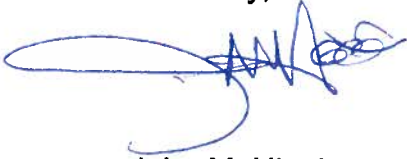
Rockbridge County has two primary comments/requests relative to the CP15-554-000 comment period:

- 1) Ensure that stream crossings are designed and constructed in a manner which minimizes risk to water quality, for the life of the emplacement.

- 2) Ensure adherence to all local, state and federal laws, rules, regulations and best practices during and after the construction period. Given the importance of these headwater regions combined with a pipeline location in steep, shale terrain, the County is particularly interested in application of all measures consistent with the Clean Water Act and Virginia Erosion and Sedimentation regulations.

We appreciate the opportunity to offer our comment in this process. Should you have questions regarding our request, please feel free to contact me at (540) 463-1460.

Sincerely,



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