

## DOMINION PIPELINE MONITORING COALITION



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Glen Casamassa, Reviewing Officer  
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USDA Forest Service  
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Submitted Via Email

Re: Notice of Objection to: *Draft Record of Decision, Atlantic Coast Pipeline Project Special Use Permit/Land and Resource Management Plan Amendments, Monongahela National Forest, Pocahontas County, West Virginia, George Washington National Forest, Highland, Bath, and Augusta Counties, Virginia, July 2017*

Dear Mr. Casamassa:

The Dominion Pipeline Monitoring Coalition (DPMC) and Rick Webb, DPMC Program Coordinator, hereby object to the subject draft Record of Decision (DROD). The lead objector is Rick Webb.

The objector's addresses are:

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The Responsible Officials for the draft ROD are Tony Tooke, Regional Forester, Southern Region, and Mary Beth Borst, Acting Regional Forester, Eastern Region.

The DPMC is an organization of citizen volunteers, conservation groups, and environmental scientists working to ensure rigorous and objective review of water resource impacts and other environmental issues related to the proposed Atlantic Coast Pipeline (ACP). DPMC organizational and individual

members have important interests in the George Washington and Monongahela National Forest lands and the associated ecosystems that are affected by this action. These interests include past and ongoing uses of these public lands for recreational, scientific, and educational activities.

The DPMC and Rick Webb have been actively engaged in the reviews addressing the ACP proposal and associated impacts to the George Washington and Monongahela National Forests. The DPMC and Rick Webb, have filed extensive comments to the Forest Service and the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission during the multiple comment periods associated with the proposed project. We hereby incorporate by-reference all documents and all evidence and assertions pertinent to the points of objection discussed in our accompanying comments on the DROD, including but not limited to the following:

- Comments concerning the SUPPLEMENTAL NOTICE OF INTENT TO PREPARE AN ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT AND PROPOSED LAND AND RESOURCE PLAN AMENDMENT(S) FOR THE PROPOSED ATLANTIC COAST PIPELINE, REQUEST FOR COMMENTS ON ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES RELATED TO NEW ROUTE AND FACILITY MODIFICATIONS, AND NOTICE OF PUBLIC SCOPING MEETINGS. FERC Docket CP15-554-000 Accession No. 20160602-5208.
- Comments concerning the ATLANTIC COAST PIPELINE DOCKET NO. CP15-554-000, INSUFFICIENT AND ERRONEOUS INFORMATION SUBMITTED BY PROJECT APPLICANT. FERC Docket CP15-554-000 Accession No. 20161222-5297.
- Comments concerning the ATLANTIC COAST PIPELINE, DOCKET NO. CP15-554-000, LITTLE VALLEY LANDSLIDE AND SLOPE STABILITY ASSESSMENT. FERC Docket CP15-554-000 Accession No. 20161223-5302.
- Comments concerning A HIGH-RISK PROPOSAL DRILLING THROUGH THE BLUE RIDGE MOUNTAINS FOR THE ATLANTIC COAST PIPELINE. FERC Docket CP15-554-000 Accession No. 20170207-5072.
- Comments concerning CLOVER CREEK: HIGH-HAZARD PIPELINE CONSTRUCTION. FERC Docket CP15-554-000 Accession No. 201700405-5208.
- Comments concerning ATLANTIC COAST PIPELINE, DOCKET NO. CP15-554-000, LITTLE VALLEY REPORTS. FERC Docket CP15-554-000 Accession No. 20170623-5068.
- And other comments submitted on behalf of the DPMC by the Southern Environmental Law Center.

Our objections to the July 2017 Forest Service DROD are presented in the following two accompanying documents:

- 1) Notice of Objection to the Draft Record of Decision for the Atlantic Coast Pipeline Project Land and Resource Management Plan Amendments for the Monongahela National Forest, Pocahontas County, West Virginia, the George Washington National Forest in Highland, Bath, and Augusta Counties, Virginia, prepared by Pamela C. Dodds, PhD, Licensed Professional Geologist, on behalf of the DPMC.

- 2) Authorization of the Atlantic Coast Pipeline and Approval of Related Forest Plan Amendments: An Objection, prepared by Rick Webb, DPMC Program Coordinator, on behalf of the DPMC.

Dominion Pipeline Monitoring Coalition and Rick Webb asks that the Reviewing Officer issue a Record of Decision that rejects the applications for the project Special Use Permit and Forest plan amendments, based on the insufficiency of information in the record and on the evidence of unacceptable environmental impacts that would occur if the proposal were to proceed.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Rick Webb". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly stylized font.

Rick Webb  
Lead Objector  
On his own behalf and on behalf of the Dominion Pipeline Monitoring Coalition.

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