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Comments: Atlantic Coast Pipeline Objection, attention Reviewing Officer Glen Casamassa, Associate Deputy Chief, Forest Service

Dear Sir,

The ACP must not be allowed to cross National Forest land, and the Forest Plan cannot be amended to permit it without fatal internal contradiction.

Firstly, as I pointed out in my earlier comments to your agency, the pipeline as presented to FERC and your agency is a fraud, and has no actual legitimate public purpose. It is solely designed to facilitate the export of privately owned gas for private profit. Permitting this construction would make the Forest Service and its involved personnel corporately and personally accessories to fraud. Said export and sale offers zero benefit to the communities through which the pipe is planned to pass, including those adjoining Forest Service land, to which the Forest Service is committed to being a beneficial neighbor. To the substantial extent to which allowing the Pipeline will permanently diminish the productive capacity of Forest Service land in terms of timber, water, recreation, and ecosystem services, it will permanently injure these communities.

The Forest Service administers land on the wise and responsible principle of Multiple Uses. All the traditional uses of Forest Service land are both complementary and sustainable. Hunting facilitates sustainable management of wildlife in perpetuity. Timbering harvests a renewable resource while facilitating habitat management, and providing resources for economic activity and income for surrounding communities. Management of forests protects aquifers, and cleans the air and sequesters carbon, provides a myriad of current and future minor forest products including medicinals. All these together provide recreation and support a vibrant tourism industry.

Tearing open the fabric of the forest and the underlying earth for pipeline construction and permanent ROW permanently destroys ALL these other uses not only on the actual acreage taken but in significant but unknown adjacent areas. A high pressure pipeline full of inflammable gas built through unprecedentedly difficult topography and geology presents a significant risk of igniting or catastrophically exacerbating forest fires.

No other use is permitted by responsible Forest Plans that is permanently destructive of all other uses, and this one must not be permitted now.

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