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OFFICE OF THE CHAIRMAN

The Honorable Mark R. Warner
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Warner:

Thank you for your April 20, 2015, letter discussing the scoping meetings that my staff held in Nelson and Augusta Counties for Atlantic Coast Pipeline, LLC's planned Atlantic Coast Pipeline Project (Docket No. PF15-6-000).

I regret that all of the people who wanted to speak at the meetings were not able to do so. FERC staff made every effort to hear from as many people as possible, and in fact extended the meetings beyond the times where the contract with the owners of the venues called for the meetings to end.

Public meetings are just one way for stakeholders and concerned citizens to convey comments, and air their views; all comments are posted to our official website making them publicly accessible to anyone. The purpose of a scoping meeting is to allow staff to gain an understanding of the issues posed by a proposed project, but the meetings are not intended as a way to gauge public sentiment. FERC staff has concluded that, based on the 10 scoping meetings that have been held in locations along the pipeline and the over 2,000 written comments received, it has been able to fully identify the issues surrounding the Atlantic Coast Pipeline Project and that additional meetings would not be likely to bring new matters to light. Therefore, FERC staff does not plan to hold additional scoping meetings regarding the project. I encourage people concerned about the project to file written comments with the Commission, and I assure you that those comments receive the same attention and scrutiny as comments received at public meetings.

Again, thank you for sharing your concerns as we continue our review of the project. If I can be of further assistance in this or any other Commission matter, I hope you will not hesitate to let me know.

Sincerely,



Norman C. Bay
Chairman

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