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Mr. Chris Murray
Director, Division of Government Affairs
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
888 1st Street NE, Room 11H
Washington, D.C. 20426

VIA FAX

Dear Mr. Chamblee:

Attached please find a letter that I have received from the Monacan Indian Tribal Council regarding concerns about the proposed Atlantic Coast Pipeline and its impact on the Norwood-Wingina Historic District and Monacan archaeological sites.

I would appreciate your looking into this matter and providing me with a response for my constituents. Please mail your response to my Roanoke office at the address marked below.

Thank you for your assistance.

With kind regards.

Very truly yours,

Bob Goodlatte
Member of Congress

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Attachment

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Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
888 First Street, N.E.
Washington, DC 20426

March 31, 2015

RE: Atlantic Coast Pipeline, Docket #PF15-6

Dear Ms. Bose:

The Monacan Indian Nation would like to make clear its strong opposition to the proposed construction of the Atlantic Coast Pipeline (ACP) through Nelson County, Virginia, and specifically through that area known as the Norwood-Wingina Historic District, due to the locations of Monacan archaeological sites found there. We consider our tribe an interested party in your review of this project.

The current proposed route for the ACP cuts through the low grounds along the James River very close to the Monacan archaeological site known as Monahassanaugh, "King's town," documented on John Smith's historic map of 1612. To date, two Monacan sites have been excavated in Wingina, the Wingina Site (44NE4) (MaCord 1974) and the Wood Site (44NE143) (Gallivan 1999). According to Dr. Jeffrey Hantman, archaeologist and Associate Professor at the University of Virginia, these sites constituted the best archaeologically preserved evidence of any Monacan sites still in existence. The pipeline may also go through other sites not yet discovered or documented. For this reason, we are requesting that a Traditional Cultural Properties (TCP) study be conducted in all areas that might have impact on Monacan historical and archaeological resources.

We note that the Norwood-Wingina Historic District has been determined by the Virginia Department of Historic Resources as eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Resources and was to be formally designated a Virginia Historic Landmark and approved for formal nomination to the National Register this month.

According to the publication *An Interstate Natural Gas Facility on My Land? What Do I Need to Know?* Published by FERC:

If an archaeological or historic site is eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places, impact to it must be minimized (p. 26), <http://www.nelsoncounty-va.gov/wp-content/uploads/citz-guide-gas.pdf>.



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We request that FERC adhere to its stated guidelines and to other state and federal laws protecting American Indian historic and archaeological sites from excavation or disruption.

We also wish to note our opposition to the ACP going through geologically fragile mountain areas and through properties historically owned by descendants of enslaved people, including the Rev. James Rose and Pearl Miles. These properties are close to the Norwood-Wingina Historic District. This historic African-American community, its properties, and its several cemeteries, should be off limits to the ACP, as should our archaeological significant sites.

Please refer to a letter sent to you from Jane and John Raup, Wingina, Virginia, dated January 2, 2015 for the following:

1. Map showing the proposed Atlantic Coast Pipeline route through the Norwood-Wingina Historic District.
2. Letter from the Virginia Department of Historic Resources (VDHR) regarding the Norwood-Wingina Historic District
3. Hard Copy of Survey of Architectural Resources, Norwood and Wingina Vicinities, Nelson County, Virginia
4. Documentation of the two Monacan Indian archaeological sites in this district.

Sincerely,

Monacan Indian Nation Tribal Council
Approved: March 21, 2015

CC: Governor Terry McAuliffe
Senator Mark Warner
Senator Tim Kaine
Congressman Robert Hurt
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