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Allegheny Blue-Ridge Alliance: Atlantic Coast Pipeline Partners Working to Circumvent Regulatory Process

VIRGINIA – **The Allegheny Blue-Ridge Alliance (ABRA)** released the following statement in response to a [letter](#) sent yesterday by officials from Dominion Energy, Duke Energy, and Southern Company Gas, partners in the Atlantic Coast Pipeline (ACP), to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) requesting the agency speed up approval of the 600-mile pipeline:

“This last-minute request by the corporations behind the ACP is a blatant attempt to evade Virginia’s regulatory process and ram the approval of this pipeline through, especially as [community opposition continues to grow](#). The Virginia State Water Control board has not even yet scheduled its meeting to consider the pipeline, and here’s Dominion and ACP partners attempting to do an end-run around the board. It raises serious questions about the motivation behind the ACP partners’ push to rush the process—whether it’s to undermine the Water Board, silence impacted community members, or sweep the widespread environmental, health, and safety risks under the rug. What’s clear is that the ACP partners are determined to line their pockets with no concern for community concerns or the state’s regulatory process to ensure our water resources are protected.” said **Lewis Freeman, ABRA Chair and Executive Director**.

“In this same letter, ACP partners tout that the project would bring new jobs in the construction industry, without noting that most of these jobs would be temporary and contracted to people outside of the states impacted by the 600-mile pipeline. These mega corporations are hoping that Virginians don’t realize that their talking points on jobs and their erroneous claims about the [necessity of the pipeline](#) have no basis in reality.”

“We urge the FERC to deny this last-minute request, and instead, give the due diligence the public deserves and take the time to assess the need for and impacts of the ACP.”

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[The Allegheny Blue-Ridge Alliance \(ABRA\)](#) is a coalition of 52 organizations, founded in September 2014, that opposes the proposed Atlantic Coast Pipeline (ACP), a project of Dominion Resources and its partner companies.