# Agenda Item 3

# Submitted Public Comments in response to Agenda Item 10: Atlantic Coast Pipeline

Hampton Roads Planning District Commission October 17, 2019



RE: October 17 Agenda Item 10: Atlantic Coast Pipeline Resolution

Name: Marc Koslen
Date: October 16, 2019

**Subject:** Please do not endorse the ACP

#### **Public Comment Input (Via E-Mail)**

I am another Virginian, who from the depth of my heart opposes the Atlantic Coastal Pipeline. I pray that you do not endorse this project!

The proposed pipeline is driven by Dominion Power's anticipated profit margins. It unfairly and most negatively impacts the lives of so many Virginians. The proposed pipeline greatly exacerbates our greatest problem and challenge, the climate crisis. The climate crisis impacts should be enough of a concern for the Hampton Roads area to resoundingly oppose the ACP! Please reject the motion to endorse the ACP!

# RE: October 17 Agenda Item 10: Atlantic Coast Pipeline Resolution

Name: Rhonda Johnson
Date: October 16, 2019

**Subject:** The Atlantic Coast Pipeline: A Bad Deal for Hampton Roads

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**Name:** Mary Justis

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Name: Milan Mehta
Date: October 16, 2019

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For all these reasons we urge the Hampton Roads Planning District Commission to reject any resolution supporting the Atlantic Coast Pipeline. Instead, you might consider a resolution in opposition to the pipeline.

\*Also... Think of all the marine life that resides down there, please don't disrupt their home. Whenever the pipe has a problem, it's them who will pay the price.

RE: October 17 Agenda Item 10: Atlantic Coast Pipeline Resolution

Name: Tanner Council, CBF

Date: October 16, 2019

**Subject:** Tell Your Hampton Roads Reps Not to Endorse the Pipeline

# **Public Comment Input** (Via E-Mail)

The Atlantic Coast Pipeline (ACP) would wreak havoc throughout the Commonwealth of Virginia. ACP construction would harm forests, farmland, and streams as it carves its way through the Old Dominion. And what happens upstream impacts us here, downstream in Hampton Roads.

Tomorrow, the Hampton Roads Planning District Commission (HRPDC) is considering a resolution to endorse the ACP. But they need to hear from you first. <u>Take action—before they meet at 12:30 p.m. on Thursday—and urge the HRPDC to oppose this resolution until they first study this issue and its total cost.</u>

Already plagued by startling cost overruns, the cost to build the 600-mile gas pipeline is at least \$7.5 billion—\$3 to \$5 billion more than its original price tag. And who will pay for this ill-conceived infrastructure project? You, the rate payer, will pay higher electricity rates for years to come for a pipeline Hampton Roads doesn't need.

And the environmental costs are also staggering. The pipeline route crosses Virginia streams more than 2,000 times and will cut a wide swath through intact forests, across steep slopes and fragile karst terrain. The destruction of both terrestrial and aquatic habitat would be unprecedented; the mud that flows into the Bay's tributaries threatens its restoration. There are other less destructive options to serve Hampton Roads' energy needs.

Dominion Power and its allies are pushing this resolution hard, but the HRPDC needs to hear the full story. Ask the HRPDC members—before they meet at 12:30 p.m. on Thursday—to study this issue further. It's premature to endorse the costly, unneeded Atlantic Coast Pipeline until they have all the facts.

**P.S.** Will you go one step further? Join me as we stand up for clean water at the HRPDC this Thursday at 12:30 p.m. in Chesapeake, Virginia.

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Date: October 15, 2019

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RE: October 17 Agenda Item 10: Atlantic Coast Pipeline Resolution

Name: Linda Fersch
Date: October 16, 2019

**Subject:** Do Not Support the Atlantic Coast Pipeline

**Public Comment Input** (Via E-Mail)

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Name: Kenda Hanuman Date: October 13, 2019

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Name: Carolyn Caywood Date: October 9, 2019

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# **Public Comment Input** (Via E-Mail)

I understand that an endorsement of the Atlantic Coast Pipeline is on your agenda. I urge you to stay away from this issue. Natural gas pipelines leak methane, exacerbating the climate change that threatens Hampton Roads. And natural gas pipelines explode. Eleven years ago in Appomattox, this happened.

https://www.newsadvance.com/news/local/morning-of-terror-pipeline-explosion/article 925b4767-e585-53ff-bbc5-c7d013e9659f.html

Please don't put your reputation on the line to support this shortsighted project.

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Name: Jason Gooljar

Date: October 15, 2019

Subject: The Atlantic Coast Pipeline: A Bad Deal for Hampton Roads

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Name: Debbie Clark
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Name: Matjorie Leach-Parker Date: October 16, 2019

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Name: Scott Varney
Date: October 16, 2019

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Name: Anne Sauer

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RE: October 17 Agenda Item 10: Atlantic Coast Pipeline Resolution

Name: Mrs. Merrie Milner Date: October 15, 2019

**Subject:** Atlantic Coast Pipeline Resolution

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#### **RE:** October 17 Agenda Item 10: Atlantic Coast Pipeline Resolution

Name: Judy Hinch

**Date:** October 15, 2019

**Subject:** The Atlantic Coast Pipeline: A Bad Deal for Hampton Roads

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Name: John Blanchette
Date: October 15, 2019

**Subject:** Do Not Support the Atlantic Coast Pipeline

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# RE: October 17 Agenda Item 10: Atlantic Coast Pipeline Resolution

Name: Mary Mathena
Date: October 16, 2019

Subject: Do Not Support the Atlantic Coast Pipeline

# **Public Comment Input** (Via E-Mail)

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Name: Kelly Saunders
Date: October 15, 2019

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Name: Cynthia Rea

Date: October 16, 2019

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#### **RE:** October 17 Agenda Item 10: Atlantic Coast Pipeline Resolution

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Name: Reverend Morris Fleischer

**Date:** October 16, 2019

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# RE: October 17 Agenda Item 10: Atlantic Coast Pipeline Resolution

Name: Tanja Rieger

Date: October 16, 2019

**Subject:** The Atlantic Coast Pipeline: A Bad Deal for Hampton Roads

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#### **RE:** October 17 Agenda Item 10: Atlantic Coast Pipeline Resolution

Name: Michael Keegan

Date: October 15, 2019

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Hampton Roads will certainly be at risk from global warming. Are you willing to bet your city will be spared? The technology doesn't exist yet to "undo" global warming.

# RE: October 17 Agenda Item 10: Atlantic Coast Pipeline Resolution

Name: Brenda Kroupa
Date: October 15, 2019

**Subject:** The Atlantic Coast Pipeline: A Bad Deal for Hampton Roads

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RE: October 17 Agenda Item 10: Atlantic Coast Pipeline Resolution

Name: Elisa Dickon
Date: October 15, 2019

**Subject:** Do Not Support the Atlantic Coast Pipeline

#### **Public Comment Input** (Via E-Mail)

I have written once and I am happy to do so again. It is so important that all sides of this issue are studied with open minds and hearts. It is a proven fact that fracking is harmful to the environment. These lines go near schools where our children's health would be endangered. They run near homes of those less fortunate who are not always able to voice their opinion. Listening only to big business and I consider Dominion Power big business, telling you the systems are now safe and improvement is not so true. Please listen to the people, really study the impacts, call people who are now experiencing earthquakes, poor health, etc. due to fracking nearby.

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Name: Terra Pascarosa Duff
Date: October 15, 2019

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**RE:** October 17 Agenda Item 10: Atlantic Coast Pipeline Resolution

Name: Lisa Kingsley
Date: October 15, 2019

**Subject:** Do Not Support the Atlantic Coast Pipeline

**Public Comment Input** (Via E-Mail)

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## RE: October 17 Agenda Item 10: Atlantic Coast Pipeline Resolution

Name: Leon Scott

**Date:** October 15, 2019

**Subject:** Do Not Support the Atlantic Coast Pipeline

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## RE: October 17 Agenda Item 10: Atlantic Coast Pipeline Resolution

Name: Greg Singleton
Date: October 15, 2019

**Subject:** The Atlantic Coast Pipeline: A Bad Deal for Hampton Roads

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Date: October 15, 2019

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## **RE:** October 17 Agenda Item 10: Atlantic Coast Pipeline Resolution

Name: Barbara Adams
Date: October 15, 2019

**Subject:** Atlantic Coast Pipeline Resolution

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Name: Lori Shapiro
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**Subject:** Do Not Support the Atlantic Coast Pipeline

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Name: Daniel Giesy
Date: October 15, 2019

**Subject:** The Atlantic Coast Pipeline: A Bad Deal for Hampton Roads

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## **RE:** October 17 Agenda Item 10: Atlantic Coast Pipeline Resolution

**Name:** Jeff Staples

**Date:** October 15, 2019

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## RE: October 17 Agenda Item 10: Atlantic Coast Pipeline Resolution

Name: Jessica Sims
Date: October 15, 2019

**Subject:** Do Not Support the Atlantic Coast Pipeline

#### **Public Comment Input** (Via E-Mail)

Mr. Crum, I respectfully ask that the Commission not provide support for the Atlantic Coast pipeline. Estimates of need are exaggerated and the project would negatively impact water supplies, a perilous resource for Virginia.

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## RE: October 17 Agenda Item 10: Atlantic Coast Pipeline Resolution

Name: Gilda Niknezhad

Date: October 15, 2019

**Subject:** Do Not Support the Atlantic Coast Pipeline

#### **Public Comment Input** (Via E-Mail)

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## RE: October 17 Agenda Item 10: Atlantic Coast Pipeline Resolution

Name: Ellen Atkinson
Date: October 15, 2019

**Subject:** The Atlantic Coast Pipeline: A Bad Deal for Hampton Roads

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Date: October 15, 2019

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Name: Alexandra Mcvicker

Date: October 15, 2019

**Subject:** Do Not Support the Atlantic Coast Pipeline

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## RE: October 17 Agenda Item 10: Atlantic Coast Pipeline Resolution

Name: Keith Vanture

Date: October 15, 2019

**Subject:** Do Not Support the Atlantic Coast Pipeline

#### **Public Comment Input (Via E-Mail)**

Move on from old destructive methods and move on to wind and solar. I do not want my Virginia ruined by fracking and tearing up our state, parks, or water resources.

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Name: Daren Brady
Date: October 15, 2019

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#### **RE:** October 17 Agenda Item 10: Atlantic Coast Pipeline Resolution

Name: Angie Coleman

Date: October 15, 2019

**Subject:** Do Not Support the Atlantic Coast Pipeline

#### **Public Comment Input (Via E-Mail)**

Hi. Please hear my request not to bring fracking to VB to pollute our air and water. This is our way of life, our quality of life, and will also disrupt our wonderful sea life. Let's pull for cleaner yet efficient ways of obtaining energy!!!

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## RE: October 17 Agenda Item 10: Atlantic Coast Pipeline Resolution

Name: Catherine Dodd

Date: October 15, 2019

**Subject:** Do Not Support the Atlantic Coast Pipeline

#### **Public Comment Input (Via E-Mail)**

I vehemently oppose this pipeline for a number of reasons: the environment, we need to divest from fossil fuels, the danger it poses for our local environment health, etc. no no no pipeline.

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Name: Ms. Kenda Hanuman

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Name: Joann Owens
Date: October 15, 2019

**Subject:** Do Not Support the Atlantic Coast Pipeline

# **Public Comment Input** (Via E-Mail)

Beyond the obvious destruction to the environment, there are no little oil spills. They are not accidents. THEY ARE PREDICTABLE!! The trampling upon Americans property rights, stealing property from Americans to profit big oil and their billionaire investors is corruption at its worst. You are paid by taxpayers, (unless you are corrupt and accepting bribes) to protect us from harm. How many of your Commissioners would let a pipeline run through your property? I thought so. If you approve this crap, you will be investigated for corruption! No one, no one but greedy pigs want pipelines in our state, or country! Your names will be on this betrayal of our rights. Everyone will know who is responsible for this betrayal of their office and citizens.

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## RE: October 17 Agenda Item 10: Atlantic Coast Pipeline Resolution

Name: Tyler Demetriou
Date: October 15, 2019

**Subject:** Do Not Support the Atlantic Coast Pipeline

#### **Public Comment Input (Via E-Mail)**

I have lived in Virginia for my entire life. The ACP is a massive waste of resources that will come at the expense of the cleaner energy sources our state needs, and adversely impact the underprivileged communities that it's being built through. This state should be moving forward, not regressing into fossil fuel use and further exploitation of our fellow citizens.

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Date: October 15, 2019

**Subject:** The Atlantic Coast Pipeline: A Bad Deal for Hampton Roads

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Name: Helen Gill

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## RE: October 17 Agenda Item 10: Atlantic Coast Pipeline Resolution

Name: Jill Fulmer

**Date:** October 16, 2019

**Subject:** The Atlantic Coast Pipeline: A Bad Deal for Hampton Roads

# **Public Comment Input** (Via E-Mail)

[Mr. Crum - I do not have time to draft my own letter. Please know that I sincerely wish you to oppose the ACP for many of the reasons below. I am not blindly signing a form letter. For the sake of your constituents and the well-being of your region, I am urging you not to support the ACP.]

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## RE: October 17 Agenda Item 10: Atlantic Coast Pipeline Resolution

Name: Theresa Dunleavy Date: October 16, 2019

**Subject:** Do Not Support the Atlantic Coast Pipeline

## **Public Comment Input** (Via E-Mail)

I am totally opposed to the Atlantic Coast Pipeline. Dominion Power will have citizens pay for building something we don't need in order to sell gas overseas for more profits for them. It's a win-win for them and disaster for Virginia!

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RE: October 17, 2019 Agenda Item 10

Name: Ralph Graph
Date: October 9, 2019

Subject: Atlantic Coast Pipeline Resolution

## **Public Comment Input (Via E-Mail)**

I heard a very disturbing report today that the HRPDC is considering an endorsement of the Atlantic Coast Pipeline. Hampton Roads is dealing with problems such as sea level rise and intense storms that are directly related to climate change. The APC will make these problems worse by promoting the use of fossil fuels. It is therefore obviously not in the interest of the citizens of Hampton Roads to promote the APC. I would like to know what justification the HRPDC has for even considering such an awful decision!

## RE: Agenda Item 10 for the October 17th HRPDC Meeting

Name: William F. Limpert Date: October 15, 2019

**Subject:** Atlantic Pipeline Resolution

## **Public Comment Input (Via E-Mail)**

I wish to comment on Agenda item 10 proposed for the October 17th HRPDC meeting, in which the Commission is requested to endorse construction of the Atlantic Coast Pipeline (ACP). I urge the Commission to reject this requested action. Endorsement of, and construction of the ACP would significantly harm residents, businesses, and military installations in Hampton Roads, the greater Norfolk/Virginia Beach area, the state of Virginia, and our country.

The letter sent to Virginia's Congressional Delegation from Mr. Stephens and Mr. Quigley includes gross misrepresentations of the consequences of the ACP. Let me set the record straight as follows:

- The project has been found illegal in a number of cases. Seven permits have been removed, and are not in effect. The rule of law must be followed. We can blame Dominion for recklessly pushing this project through without proper legal considerations.
- The ACP would not provide cleaner energy. Due to substantial methane releases at all stages of natural gas production, including ongoing leaks from the pipes themselves, natural gas emits as much, and more greenhouse gas pollutants as burning coal. Additionally, a recent study finds that methane causes 10,000 premature deaths per year in our country. Methane levels in our atmosphere are already nearly 3 times higher than natural levels. This is not environmental progress. This is not cleaner air. This is a giant leap toward an unlivable climate, and more premature deaths for our fellow citizens.
- Renewable energy sources, such as the planned Virginia Beach off shore wind generators, and solar installations will provide energy that produces virtually no greenhouse gas emissions, no unhealthy air pollution, and at a lower cost than natural gas. Renewable energy costs will continue to drop, while natural gas prices are expected to rise.
- Dominion states that the ACP will create 39 permanent jobs in Virginia, about as many jobs as a Cracker Barrel. Twenty five of those jobs will be in Richmond. Most of the temporary construction jobs will be filled by out of state workers who will be sending their wages out of state.
- Virginia citizens are facing huge property value losses from the ACP. Some properties near the proposed pipeline have already been reassessed at just 35% of their former value. I

conservatively estimate over \$400 million in property value losses for Virginia residents on the pipeline, or within the evacuation zone. For most persons a home and property are the biggest investments of their lives. Now it would become the biggest of their lives. This project is an economic disaster for Virginians.

- The American military has stated for many years that climate change is a significant threat to our national security. The Norfolk Naval Base is severely threatened by sea level rise, and increasingly severe storm events, including catastrophic hurricanes. So is Hampton Roads, which is the second most vulnerable city in our country to flooding from sea level rise. The ACP will threaten our military facilities and Hampton Roads residents with more flooding, and more devastating storms.
- Existing natural gas flow to Hampton Roads is sufficient to meet the region's energy needs, even as cleaner and less expensive renewable energy sources bring more energy to the region. Prior shortages and cost spikes have been extremely rare, and extremely short in duration. Existing pipelines are underutilized, and could be used, with minor, inexpensive modifications, to temporarily bring more gas to the region, if needed.

I would like to point out additional negative impacts that all of us will have to endure if the ACP is built.

- Dominion electricity customers, including Hampton Roads residents and businesses, will have to pay up to \$3 billion in additional electricity bills to cover the cost of the ACP.
- Natural gas is extremely dangerous. Four catastrophic natural gas explosions have occurred in nearby states in the past 16 months. Residents of Newton, MA have recently been exposed to large releases of natural gas over their city, and these releases include over 100 toxic volatile organic compounds, including benzene, and other carcinogens, besides unhealthy methane. The ACP has already been cited for safety violations by the federal Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration on just the first few miles of construction in WV.
- Virginians are having their land taken from them by the ACP through eminent domain for Dominion's gain. This is flat out un American.
- We have already seen the environmental devastation caused by the similar Mountain Valley Pipeline in Virginia. The ACP will bring more of the same to the James River, and the Chesapeake Bay, while also threatening water supplies all through the state.
- This project would disproportionately impact low income and minority communities. The predominately black, elderly, and low income town of Union Hill in Buckingham County would be faced with a huge compressor station that would consistently emit dangerous levels of pollution. Every county that the ACP would pass through in Virginia is below the median income level for the state. The ACP would further impoverish these communities. We need to look after our fellow citizens, rather than allow the ACP to further hurt them.

- The ACP would cut down 12 square miles of forest, including 6 square miles of forest in Virginia. Forest loss accelerates climate change. Forests slow climate change by removing carbon dioxide from our atmosphere.

The ACP is a losing proposition for Hampton Roads, Virginia, and our country, and the HRPDC should certainly not be endorsing it.

I am not a resident of Hampton Roads, but I have a number of friends from your wonderful area, and to a person, they share my position on these issues.

Thank you for your time, and for your public service.