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May 1, 2015

The Honorable Norman C. Bay  
Chairman  
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission  
888 First Street, NE  
Washington, D.C. 20426

Dear Chairman Bay,

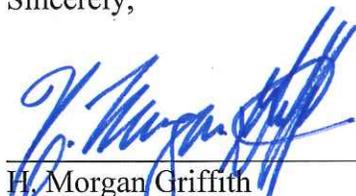
We write to request that the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) hold an additional public scoping meeting in Roanoke County, Virginia, to discuss the proposed Mountain Valley Pipeline (MVP) project. Given the size and significance of this project, we believe it is imperative that ample opportunity be provided for all affected communities to voice their opinions and solicit feedback from FERC.

On April 28, 2015, the Board of Supervisors of Roanoke County, Virginia, passed a resolution petitioning FERC to hold an additional scoping public hearing in Roanoke County and to extend the public comment period during the scoping phase for the MVP project. We have attached a copy of this resolution, and we want to express our support of this request.

Currently, there are six public scoping meetings scheduled in May. As the Board of Supervisors point out, four are in less populated areas of West Virginia, while only two are in Virginia. The Roanoke Valley and the New River Valley regions have a combined population of over 300,000, but have only been provided one hearing by FERC.

In order to ensure the public in this area has a sufficient opportunity to be heard regarding the Mountain Valley Pipeline, we respectfully request that FERC agree to hold an additional meeting in Roanoke County. If you have any questions, please reach out to Corban Teague in Rep. Griffith's office at [202-225-3861](tel:202-225-3861)/[corban.teague@mail.house.gov](mailto:corban.teague@mail.house.gov).

Sincerely,



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H. Morgan Griffith  
Member of Congress



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Bob Goodlatte  
Member of Congress

Enclosure

AT A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF ROANOKE COUNTY, VIRGINIA, HELD AT THE ROANOKE COUNTY ADMINISTRATION CENTER ON TUESDAY, APRIL 28, 2015

**RESOLUTION 042815-5 PETITIONING THE FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION TO HOLD AN ADDITIONAL SCOPING PUBLIC HEARING IN ROANOKE COUNTY AND TO EXTEND THE PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD DURING THE SCOPING PHASE FOR THE MOUNTAIN VALLEY PIPELINE PROJECT**

WHEREAS, the pipeline known as the Mountain Valley Pipeline (MVP) and is expected to transport a natural gas supply from the Marcellus and Utica regions to various Southeast United States markets; and

WHEREAS, the MVP is governed by the United States Natural Gas Act, which requires a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity (CPCN) from the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC); and

WHEREAS, the FERC process is our region's most viable avenue for influencing the MVP project; and

WHEREAS, the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) is the document that will be the basis of the FERC's decision-making regarding the project; and

WHEREAS, FERC has provided four (4) public hearings in sparsely populated areas of West Virginia, but only two in Virginia; and

WHEREAS, the Roanoke Valley and New River Valley have by far the greatest population density along the MVP corridor at well over 300,000; yet our region has only been provided one (1) hearing by FERC; and

WHEREAS, given that other FERC hearings in Virginia have ended before all citizens have been able to speak; and

WHEREAS, while the northern portion of the MVP corridor has been fixed for some time, there has been and continues to be changes to the southern portion of the corridor directly affecting our region; and

WHEREAS, the proposed locations for the compressor station in our region is not well defined in Montgomery County and the potential Roanoke County locations have not been defined at all other than vague mile marker locations; and

WHEREAS, the Roanoke County Pipeline Advisory Committee (PAC) on April 27, 2015, voted to recommend to the Board of Supervisors that an additional scoping public hearing be held in Roanoke County and that the public comment period during the scoping phase be extended.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of Roanoke County, Virginia, as follows:

1. That the Board hereby petitions the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission to hold an additional scoping public hearing in Roanoke County.
2. That the Board further requests a ninety (90)-day extension of the public comment period during the scoping phase, which is due to expire on June 16, 2015, to allow for additional public study and comment regarding the newly-identified alternative routes along the southern portion of the corridor.
3. That the Clerk to the Board forthwith send a certified copy of this Resolution to Senator Mark Warner, Senator Timothy Kaine, Representative Bob Goodlatte, Representative Morgan Griffith and Norman C. Bay, Chairman of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.

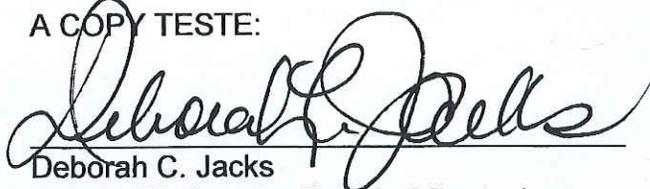
On motion of Supervisor Peters to adopt the resolution, and carried by the following

roll call and recorded vote:

AYES: Supervisors Moore, Bedrosian, Church, McNamara, Peters

NAYS: None

A COPY TESTE:

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Deborah C. Jacks", written over a horizontal line.

Deborah C. Jacks  
Deputy Clerk to the Board of Supervisors

cc: Richard L. Caywood, Assistant County Administrator  
Paul M. Mahoney, County Attorney  
Senator Mark Warner  
Senator Timothy Kaine  
Representative Bob Goodlatte  
Representative Morgan Griffith  
Norman C. Bay, Chairman of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission