

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

September 8, 2016

The Honorable Norman C. Bay
Chairman
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
888 1st Street NE
Washington, DC 20426-0002

Dear Chairman Bay:

We write to you on behalf of constituents who are interested in the upcoming public comment meetings that will be held in conjunction with completion of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the Mountain Valley Pipeline (MVP).

Our constituents have indicated to us that they are concerned that the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) meetings may not follow a true open to the public format. Rather, they have indicated that the MVP meetings may instead be comprised of opportunities for comment only through private sessions with FERC officials who will transcribe comments for the record.

The DEIS for the MVP project deserves to be discussed in an open, public forum that both supporters and opponents have come to expect in the scoping process for the project. This allows free discussion of all facets of the project and also accommodates the media's coverage of such proceedings. Additionally, we suggest that FERC's meetings also provide an option for individuals who prefer to discuss their concerns or offer their comments through the one-on-one format.

We respectfully ask you to give thorough consideration to the format that we have suggested for all upcoming meetings related to the Mountain Valley Pipeline. We believe it is the fairest method by which FERC can ensure full and transparent comments from the public about the project.

Sincerely,



Bob Goodlatte
Member of Congress



H. Morgan Griffith
Member of Congress



Robert Hurt
Member of Congress