



US 70 Corridor Commission

TO: Jennifer Collins
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RE: RESOLUTION – ACP SUPPORT

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RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE ATLANTIC COAST PIPELINE

WHEREAS, the U.S. 70 CORRIDOR COMMISSION OF N.C. INC. represents and advocates for rural Eastern North Carolina, specifically the Counties of Johnston, Wayne, Lenoir, Craven and Carteret seeking improved infrastructure and connectivity in order to maximize economic development opportunities; and

WHEREAS, rural Eastern North Carolina lacks adequate infrastructure necessary for economic growth with the absence of natural gas necessary for manufacturing; and

WHEREAS, a group of major U.S. energy companies, including Dominion, Duke Energy, and Southern Gas recently formed a joint partnership to build the Atlantic Coast Pipeline, a 600-mile natural gas transmission line that will run from Harrison County, West Virginia to Robeson County in our state; and

WHEREAS, a lack of natural gas pipeline capacity, especially in eastern North Carolina currently limits North Carolina's access to this economical and environmentally friendly form of energy; and

WHEREAS, the route of the proposed 600-mile route of the Atlantic Coast Pipeline will pass through the eastern part of North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, the Atlantic Coast Pipeline will make the growing supplies of natural gas produced in the Appalachian shale basins such as the Marcellus and Utica formations much more available to North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, this will provide an additional natural gas supply source for the homes and businesses in the Eastern part of the region; and

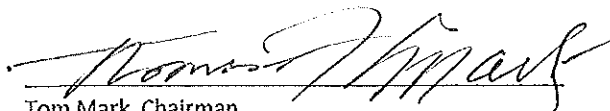
WHEREAS, this project will help alleviate a shortage of pipeline capacity in North Carolina and work against pipeline constraints such as those that caused severe natural gas price spikes during the extremely cold winter of 2014; and

WHEREAS, this better access will help promote North Carolina's continued economic development by providing better opportunities to recruit new manufacturing facilities that use the fuel; and

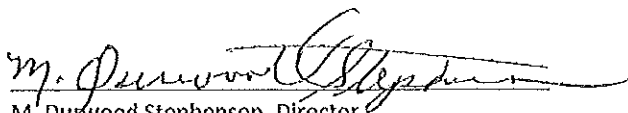
WHEREAS, this improved access will also work to improve air quality by enabling power generators to build new plants using this environmentally friendly fuel or convert existing plants to natural gas power;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the U.S. 70 CORRIDOR COMMISSION OF NORTH CAROLINA INC. supports construction of the Atlantic Coast Pipeline and notes the project's significant benefits for our state's consumers, utilities, industries and continued economic growth and development.

Approved – May 18, 2017



Tom Mark, Chairman
U.S. 70 Corridor Commission of N.C., Inc.



M. Durwood Stephenson, Director
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