



March 10, 2017

Ms. Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
888 First Street, N.E.
Washington, D.C. 20426

Re: Comment in Response to FERC Staff Draft Environmental Impact Statement
Atlantic Coast Pipeline, LLC, Docket Nos. CP15-554-000, CP15-554-001

Dear Ms. Bose:

As expressed in our October 22, 2015 letter in this proceeding, the Natural Gas Supply Association (NGSA) encourages the Commission to give this project and all pipeline certificate applications serious consideration to ensure that we have sufficient natural gas infrastructure in place to meet the country's need for reliable and clean energy. NGSA's member companies supply trillions of cubic feet of natural gas each year to a growing number of power plants, local gas utilities, factories, and other industrial users. Our commitment to our customers is why we are deeply invested in ensuring adequate infrastructure is in place so that natural gas continues to be readily available to meet the needs of gas consumers.

Natural gas is not only abundant and affordable; it also contributes to significant reductions in U.S. carbon emissions, the reliability of the power sector, and to giving U.S. manufacturers a competitive edge.¹ In order for Americans to take full advantage of natural gas benefits, however, sufficient natural gas infrastructure is required. Unnecessary delays in building needed pipelines and related facilities will only hurt American businesses and households.

We filed our initial comments in this proceeding nearly a year and a half ago, and return now to reiterate our support for FERC to act on the proposed pipeline project, as well as other needed infrastructure projects, on a timely basis. NGSA is pleased that the Commission's staff has completed the first phase of environmental review of the Atlantic Coast Pipeline in its

¹ IHS Economics, The Economic Benefits of Natural Gas Pipeline Development on the Manufacturing Sector, Prepared for the National Association of Manufacturers, May 2016. See <http://www.nam.org/Data-and-Reports/Reports/Natural-Gas-Study/Energizing-Manufacturing-Full-Report/>.

December 30, 2016 Draft Environmental Impact Statement and welcomes the project's progress through the FERC certification process. The natural gas industry is committed to environmental stewardship; and with the Commission's thorough review and direction, such projects can be built responsibly and in an environmentally safe manner.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Dena E. Wiggins". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a prominent initial "D" and a long, sweeping underline.

Dena E. Wiggins
President and CEO
Natural Gas Supply Association