

**RESOLUTION REGARDING THE ATLANTIC COAST PIPELINE
WILSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
WILSON COUNTY, NC**

WHEREAS, Dominion Transmission, Duke Energy, and Piedmont Natural Gas have submitted an application to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission(FERC), and to the NC Division of Water Quality to build a pipeline from West Virginia through Virginia and North Carolina, known as the Atlantic Coast Pipeline (ACP), and

WHEREAS, the ACP is proposed to be 42 inches in diameter through Virginia and 36 inches in diameter through North Carolina which will transport highly pressurized natural gas from the Marcellus Shale Region in West Virginia, and

WHEREAS, the proposed ACP route through Wilson County will enter the county just north of Sims and exit the county near Kenly, covering a distance of twelve (12) miles, and in the process significantly impact local residents, private landowners, and public property, and

WHEREAS, ACP representatives held public forums at regional locations, contacted property owners, and began negotiating for construction and permanent right of way easements at various times over the last two years prior to the final designated route of the requested pipeline, and it appears that route has changed after negotiations with property owners concluded, leaving some citizens confused and concerned, and

WHEREAS, it is the belief of the Wilson County Board of Commissioners that our citizens can make the best decisions for themselves and their families when they are fully informed, and

WHEREAS, it appears that ACP representatives failed to inform property owners or local government officials that there is an industry standard to create a "consultation planning zone" extending 660 feet from the center of any high pressure natural gas pipeline and that the purpose of this zone or corridor is to restrict development within the zone or corridor for the lifetime of the pipeline, and

WHEREAS, property owners within the zone have not been offered compensation for restrictions placed on their property outside of the construction and permanent easements, and

WHEREAS, such development restrictions will severely impact the value of land and property owned by county residents, and

WHEREAS, this planning zone will create a development dead zone 1,300 feet wide by 12 miles long running through the heart of western Wilson County, lowering property values and adversely affecting both citizens and Wilson County as a whole, and

FUTHERMORE, it is the understanding of the Board of Commissioners that (a) the construction quality level of the pipeline is currently rated a 2 instead of the higher safety level of 1; (b) the area is rural but a high consequence area does exist near the town of Sims; (c) all affected citizens should have the same protections as any other residents; and (d) safety and security must not be compromised for the sake of producing a cheaper pipeline.


NOW THEREFORE, the Wilson County Board of Commissioners, while supporting safety and security of all citizens in our county and by insisting that pipeline quality and construction be at the highest level, does hereby express its reservations concerning the creation of such a development dead zone in our county and call upon the ACP representatives for full and complete disclosures and transparency in their dealings with property owners and for fair compensation to all parties affected by the pipeline.

This the 17th day of October, 2017.



Bobbie Jones, Chair
Wilson County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:



Ron Hunt, Clerk to the Board

