

FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20426

OFFICE OF ENERGY PROJECTS

**In Reply Refer To:**  
OEP/DG2E/Gas Branch 4  
Atlantic Coast Pipeline, LLC  
Atlantic Coast Pipeline  
Dominion Energy Transmission, Inc.  
Docket Nos. CP15-554-000 and  
CP15-554-001

July 24, 2018

Mr. Matthew R. Bley  
Director Gas Transmission Certificates  
Dominion Energy Transmission, Inc.  
707 East Main Street  
Richmond, VA 23219

**Re: Notice to Proceed with Construction in North Carolina**

Dear Mr. Bley:

I grant Atlantic Coast Pipeline, LLC's (Atlantic) and Dominion Energy Transmission, Inc.'s (DETI) requests to commence the following work in North Carolina for the Atlantic Coast Pipeline:

- construction of the construction spreads in North Carolina as described in your May 14, 2018 request and supplemented on June 4, 2018, including the table of proposed modifications (filed as Attachment 1) contained in your May 14, 2018 Supplemental Implementation Plan for North Carolina;
- implementation of the treatment plans described in your May 14, 2018 Supplemental Implementation Plan for North Carolina; and
- full use of and improvements to access roads as described in your March 27, 2018 request and April 18, 2018 supplemental filing.

In considering this notice to proceed, we have reviewed Atlantic's and DETI's Implementation Plan, filed on October 17, 2017, and as supplemented on May 14, 2018. We have also reviewed the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's June 28, 2018 letter and have confirmed that no additional consultation under the Endangered Species Act is required for the areas subject to this notice to proceed. Based on our review, Atlantic and DETI have provided the necessary information to meet the environmental conditions of the

Commission's October 13, 2017 Order Issuing Certificates (Order) as it relates to the requested work in North Carolina and have received all federal authorizations applicable for the work activities requested.

I remind you that Atlantic and DETI must comply with all applicable terms and conditions of the Order, as well as the conservation measures identified in other agency authorizations required by federal law, and any required state or local permits. I also remind you that if a court or agency invalidates a required federal authorization after construction has begun, pursuant to Environmental Condition 2 of the Order, the Director of OEP may take whatever steps are necessary to ensure the protection of environmental resources, including issuance of a stop work order.

If you have any questions regarding this authorization, please contact Kevin Bowman at 202-502-6287.

Sincerely,

David Swearingen  
Chief, Gas Branch 4  
Division of Gas – Environment  
and Engineering

cc: Public File, Docket Nos. CP15-554-000 and CP15-554-001