

No New Pipelines!

Bad for Virginians and the Climate Every Step of the Way

Dominion Energy and its allies in the gas industry want to build monstrous fracked-gas pipelines through the Blue Ridge and Appalachian regions of Virginia and West Virginia that would boost their bottom line at the expense of our best interests. From fueling toxic fracking, to destroying people's land, to leaking heat-trapping methane, **these pipelines would harm our communities and our climate every step of the way.**

An Unprecedented Expansion of Natural Gas Infrastructure in Virginia

- At over 600 miles long and almost four feet in diameter, Dominion's proposed \$7.5 billion **Atlantic Coast Pipeline** would be the first pipeline of its size to cross the central Appalachian region, and one of the largest interstate natural gas pipelines in the country. It would be larger than the infamous Keystone XL pipeline, and plow a 125-foot wide



construction zone of clear-cutting and excavation, scouring roughly 9,000 acres of land. It would also require the construction of a compressor station that Dominion aims to build in the middle of a historic community of Union Hill, a short distance from the homes of the descendents of freed slaves.

- EQT and NextEra's proposed 301-mile \$4.6 billion **Mountain Valley Pipeline** would require up to four new compressor stations – facilities that keep the gas pressurized as it travels – subjecting communities to air pollution, groundwater contamination and more. The pipeline would also cut through about five miles of the Jefferson National Forest and bisect the iconic Appalachian Trail and Blue Ridge Parkway. Afterwards, it would leave a 50-foot wide strip of permanently cleared land along the entire route.

Virginia needs wind and solar solutions – not dirty and dangerous pipelines

Contrary to industry claims, Virginia doesn't need these new pipelines. In fact, much of the gas is likely to flow *through* Virginia rather than power Virginia. We can build a new Virginia economy by investing in solar and wind power, creating more permanent jobs, clean energy for Virginia, and a more stable climate *without* jeopardizing our homes, health and heritage.

For over \$5 billion that Dominion was initially proposing to spend on the Atlantic Coast Pipeline, a Chesapeake Climate Action Network Analysis found that we could conservatively install enough solar panels to power nearly 400,000 Virginia homes and reduce carbon emissions at a rate equal to taking 600,000 cars off the road, while creating 2,494 short-term construction jobs and 216 permanent ones. (Dominion's cost estimate has since increased to \$7.5 billion).

The stakes for our communities and our climate are high

CLIMATE: According to growing scientific data, **fracked gas could disrupt the climate on par with coal**, when factoring in the full cycle of emissions from extraction to piping to and burning. With rising seas already flooding Virginia's coastal communities, this is a risk we can't afford to take.

PUBLIC SAFETY: A pipeline "blowout" near Appomattox, Virginia in 2008 created a fireball reported to be ¼ mile high, injuring residents, and damaging nearly 100 homes.

PROPERTY VALUES: The Forensic Appraisal Group LTD found that the negative impact of the Atlantic Coast Pipeline on property values could be "up to 30% or more."

WATER QUALITY: Run-off and sedimentation during construction, as well as chemical additives used to keep rights-of-way clear, can impact local surface water and groundwater.

ICONIC MOUNTAINS AND FORESTS: The proposed routes for these projects take them through some of the most beautiful land in Virginia, including the Blue Ridge Mountains and the Monongahela National Forest, permanently scarring landscapes and destroying critical habitat.



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Beating back the pipelines

The good news is, we are NOT powerless to stop these projects. Since they were approved, we've been fighting these pipelines at every opportunity we can. In decision after decision, courts have been rightfully throwing out key permits that were forced through without taking stock of the scope of destruction. As a result, the pipeline companies have delayed their construction and increased costs. Fracked-gas pipelines are looking more unviable in Virginia every day.

A groundswell of resistance to these projects is spreading across Virginia and the region. We won't stand by as Dominion and their allies destroy our neighbors' dreams and dig us into a deeper hole on climate change. We need our leaders, like Virginia Governor Ralph Northam, to stop stumping for these dangerous new pipelines and instead stand with us to bring clean energy solutions to Virginia.

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