April 3, 2017

Ms. Kimberly D. Bose
Secretary
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
888 First Street NE
Washington, DC 20426

RE: Docket Nos. CP15-554-000 and CP15-554-001

Dear Ms. Bose:

I am writing to urge FERC approval of the Atlantic Coast Pipeline (ACP).

EEIA is the trade association representing large and small companies, many family-owned, that serve construction markets throughout the regions where this much-needed project will be built and operate. Our members provide equipment, supplies and services to contractors who build energy infrastructure, including energy processing, transportation and storage complexes, and the pipelines that connect them. We are the energy construction supply chain.

ACP will support the jobs of thousands of skilled individuals in the professional, technical, administrative and construction trades employed by our member companies.

Not only will the ACP create thousands of well-paying jobs during its construction. Our research shows it will also support over 15,000 permanent jobs in the energy supply chain. These jobs include workers throughout the United States supplying construction, equipment, materials, services and logistics necessary for the production and consumption of the natural gas the Atlantic Coast Pipeline will transport.

Our member organizations have close and long-standing supply relationships with contractors operating throughout the affected region, including many of those that will be involved in this project. They provide the best equipment available with respect to safety, productivity and reliability, emissions control, low operating footprint, and minimal land disturbance.

Because of all of the construction and energy production activities this pipeline will enable, jurisdictions and communities throughout the ACP’s served regions and beyond will benefit from worker incomes earned and spent locally. The resulting state and local taxes paid by them and their employers will support public education, environmental programs, infrastructure, public safety and other state and local government operations.

We encourage the Commission to approve the Atlantic Coast Pipeline.

Sincerely,

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