

AT A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF ROANOKE COUNTY, VIRGINIA, HELD AT THE ROANOKE COUNTY ADMINISTRATION CENTER ON TUESDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2014

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF ROANOKE, VIRGINIA OPPOSING THE MOUNTAIN VALLEY PIPELINE

WHEREAS, EQT Corporation and NextEra US Gas Assets, LLC (“EQT/NextEra”) recently announced the construction of a potential pipeline project; and

WHEREAS, the pipeline shall be known as the Mountain Valley Pipeline (MVP) and is expected to transport a natural gas supply from the Marcellus and Utica regions to various Southeast United States markets; and

WHEREAS, the MVP is expected to be constructed between Wetzel, West Virginia and Pittsylvania County, Virginia; and

WHEREAS, the MVP will be governed by the United States Natural Gas Act, which requires a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity (CPCN) from the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC); and

WHEREAS, as currently proposed, the pipeline will be up to forty-two (42) inches in diameter and will require an approximate seventy-five (75)-foot wide permanent easement (with an additional one hundred and twenty five (125) feet of temporary easement during construction); and

WHEREAS, upon information submitted by EQT/NextEra, a possible compressor station or facility may also be located along the pipeline corridor in Roanoke County; and

WHEREAS, MVP has initiated the Federal regulatory approval process to construct the pipeline through the FERC's pre-filing review process with the pre-filing of Docket No. PF 15-3-00; and

WHEREAS, MVP has presented statements that the engineering aspects will include surveying and evaluating preliminary routing to help determine a final route with the least impact to landowners, cultural resources and the environment; and

WHEREAS, MVP sent out letters on September 18, 2014, to affected landowners in Roanoke County stating that the landowner will be contacted by a right-of-way agent to request permission to survey and stake the proposed route; and

WHEREAS, the current proposed route includes property owned by Roanoke County, more specifically the Camp Roanoke property (Tax Map No. 083.00-01-16.00-0000), a longstanding County landmark facility serving our children and youth; and

WHEREAS, the Parks, Recreation and Tourism Department of Roanoke County completed an initial map analysis based upon MVP's own maps and determined that the pipeline corridor would be "literally in the backyard of the Manager's Cabin" and all the buildings would be within approximately a 1,200-foot radius of the corridor¹; and

WHEREAS, the current proposed route includes properties in the southwestern portions of Roanoke County, within the Poor Mountain and Bent Mountain communities crossing over the line into Franklin County; and

WHEREAS, the proposed route of the MVP would traverse the Bent Mountain Community Planning Area and Glenvar Community Planning Area;

¹ *Quoting*, Roanoke County Parks, Recreation and Tourism Department

WHEREAS, the proposed route of the MVP would traverse near the Spring Hollow Reservoir, while owned by the Western Virginia Water Authority, is a water source for the region; and

WHEREAS, the County's Comprehensive Plan contains vision statements, goals, objectives and implementation strategies on the protection of the County's natural, cultural and scenic resources including the Blue Ridge Parkway and its view sheds, our mountains and ridges, our rivers, streams, floodplains and groundwater, our historic buildings and archaeological sites, and our agricultural, forestall, and rural areas especially in the Bent Mountain and Glenvar Community Planning Areas²; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors opposes the construction of the proposed Mountain Valley Gas Pipeline through Roanoke County, Virginia.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Roanoke, Virginia hereby opposes the proposed route of the Mountain Valley Gas Pipeline that is included in Mountain Valley Pipeline, LLC's pre-filing request Docket No. PF 15-3-00 with FERC due to the potential adverse impacts to Camp Roanoke and to the Poor Mountain and Bent Mountain Communities, and the Board further asserts that the adverse impacts to the citizens of County of Roanoke and the public at large outweigh the economic benefit, if any, resulting from the burden placed on public and private property by the construction of the Mountain Valley Pipeline.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Roanoke, Virginia hereby directs the County Administrator, or his designee, to transmit this resolution to FERC for inclusion in pre-filing Docket Number PF 15-3-00.

² See, Roanoke County Comprehensive Plan (Revised 2005)