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Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary  
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission  
888 First St., N.E., Room 1A  
Washington, DC 20426

**Subject:** Response to Request for Cooperating Agency Status  
OEP/DG2E/Gas 4  
Atlantic Coast Pipeline, LLC  
Docket No. PF15-6-000

Dear Ms. Bose:

The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) requested cooperating agency status from both the Monongahela National Forest and the George Washington and Jefferson National Forests for the Atlantic Coast Pipeline Project (ACP Project) proposed by Atlantic Coast Pipeline, LLC. The Forest Service accepts the opportunity to participate in the project as a cooperating agency in accordance with National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) regulations (40 CFR § 1508.5).

The Forest Service recognizes that FERC is the lead federal agency responsible for conducting environmental review of the proposed ACP Project for compliance with NEPA and its implementing regulations in 40 CFR § § 1500-1508. As a cooperating agency, the Forest Service's anticipated level of involvement will include activities and coordination pursuant to NEPA implementing regulations (40 CFR § 1501.6(b)), such as participation in the NEPA and scoping processes, and preparation of environmental analyses and the development of portions of the environmental impact statement on which the Forest Service has expertise.

Under a coordination agreement between the Monongahela National Forest and the George Washington and Jefferson National Forests, as well as the corresponding regional offices, the Forest Service's role as a cooperating agency will be coordinated through the George Washington and Jefferson National Forests and its regional office. Please direct communications regarding the proposed pipeline projects to Jennifer Adams, Special Project Coordinator, at (540) 265-5114 or by email at [jenniferpadams@fs.fed.us](mailto:jenniferpadams@fs.fed.us).

Sincerely,

H. Thomas Speaks, Jr.

