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

Dear Ms. Bose:

In accordance with 18 CFR § 385.2013, the Forest Service responds to the notification of requests for federal authorizations and requests for further information for the proposed Atlantic Coast Pipeline Project (ACP Project) (Docket No. PF-6-000; CP15-554).

The Forest Service acknowledges notification from Atlantic Coast Pipeline, LLC (ACP) of its application filed with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) on September 18, 2015, for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity for the proposed ACP Project. The Forest Service subsequently received application materials, a response to the Forest Service's comments on the draft resource reports, and an initial plan of development for ACP's application for a right-of-way grant. The Forest Service is reviewing the documents and will provide comments and requests for information.

The Forest Service informed ACP and FERC on requirements for studies and information necessary for the Forest Service to evaluate the effects of the proposed project on National Forest System (NFS) lands. The need to study and evaluate project effects for alternatives is also documented and discussed in our filings. Please see the scoping comments filed on April 27, 2015, comments on draft resource reports on July 30, 2015, and filing regarding project effects on salamanders on September 17, 2015.

Information and data requests remain incomplete because many studies are in progress. Final reports of study results will be reviewed upon completion. At that time, the Forest Service will determine if information is sufficient to evaluate effects of the proposed ACP Project on NFS lands across alternatives.

For questions, please contact Jennifer Adams, Special Project Coordinator, at (540) 265-5114 or by email at [jenniferpadams@fs.fed.us](mailto:jenniferpadams@fs.fed.us).

Sincerely,



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