

# BLUE RIDGE ENVIRONMENTAL DEFENSE LEAGUE

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## **Docket No. PF18-4-000**

Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary  
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission  
888 First Street NE, Room 1A  
Washington, DC 20426

### **FERC Public Scoping Meetings – MVP Southgate Project – August 21, 2018, Chatham, VA**

My name is Mark Barker. I am the Executive Assistant for the Blue Ridge Environmental Defense League (BREDL) based in Glendale Springs, NC. BREDL has members in the impacted counties of Pittsylvania in Virginia and Rockingham and Alamance counties in North Carolina.

I am here to voice our opposition to the Mountain Valley Pipeline Southgate project. This project is not needed and does not serve the public convenience and necessity. We don't want it. The environmental impacts of fracking Natural Gas has been well -documented – from the local level impacts to its contribution to climate change. The natural gas that would utilize this pipeline continuation of MVP would be primarily, if not entirely, for exportation out of the U.S.

In a July 16, 2018 filing to the Public Service Commission, Transcontinental Gas Pipe Line Co. claims their own established and operational pipeline infrastructure is enough to meet the natural gas needs of the southeast United States “for many years.”

While this project is deemed as independent from the Mountain Valley Pipeline from northwestern West Virginia to Chatham, Virginia, it is indeed dependent on the completion of the MVP project.

Based on the disastrous work that EQT Corporation and NextEra Energy, Inc. have produced along the MVP disaster zone in both West Virginia and Virginia, we have zero faith that this outfit will do nothing but the same shoddy work on the Southgate extension. This work has led to numerous violations including stop work orders. It is abundantly clear that FERC and the state environmental departments can neither effectively monitor nor enforce environmental statutes that are in place to protect the public's interest, health and welfare. When the time comes, their application for Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity should be outright denied sparing the taxpayers additional costs.

BREDL may submit additional comments prior to the September 10 deadline. All comments should be considered. Thank You.



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