



## *ABRA Update #105 – November 10, 2016*

### **A Full House for the Pipeline Summit**

175 persons have now registered to participate in the Pipeline Summit this coming Saturday, November 12, at the Natural Bridge Hotel and Conference Center. That's a 45% increase from the attendance at last April's Summit. Registration is now closed due to space limitations of the hotel. For those unable to attend, we will provide reports in forthcoming issues of ABRA Update.

### **A Trump Administration: What to Expect on Pipeline Issues**

The November 8 victory of Donald Trump as the next President raises major questions about how his Administration will approach issues related to the proposed natural gas pipelines that ABRA and the POWHR coalition are fighting. Details of Trump's plans for energy and environment issues and who he will appoint to administer them will be forthcoming in coming weeks. However, a review of Mr. Trump's October 22 speech in Gettysburg, PA, in which he outlined his action plan for his Administration's first 100 days in office, and postings on his new transition website (<https://www.greatagain.gov/>), provide relevant information:

- A requirement that for every new federal regulation, two existing regulations must be eliminated;
- Lift the Obama-Clinton roadblocks and allow vital energy infrastructure projects, like the Keystone Pipeline, to move forward;
- Cancel billions in payments to U.N. climate change programs and use the money to fix America's water and environmental infrastructure;
- Lift the restrictions on the production of \$50 trillion dollars' worth of job-producing American energy reserves, including shale, oil, natural gas and clean coal;
- Introduce the "American Energy & Infrastructure Act" that would leverage public-private partnerships, and private investments through tax incentives, to spur \$1 trillion in infrastructure investment over 10 years;
- Reduce and eliminate all barriers to "responsible energy production;" and
- Scrap the \$5 trillion dollar Obama-Clinton Climate Action Plan and the Clean Power Plan.

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It was revealed this week that a possible appointment to at least one of the two Republican vacancies on the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission may be filled yet this year. One rumored candidate is Neil Chatterjee, a longtime energy aide to Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell. Chatterjee is a former lobbyist for the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association.

## ***In the News:***

### **Local/Atlantic Coast Pipeline**

#### **Property rights at heart of anti-pipeline 'revival' gathering in Nelson**

- Nelson County Times – 11/6/16

[http://www.newsadvance.com/nelson\\_county\\_times/news/property-rights-at-heart-of-anti-pipeline-revival-gathering-in/article\\_fcf140cc-2f15-5fb0-8c0b-597aa2cb4fe8.html](http://www.newsadvance.com/nelson_county_times/news/property-rights-at-heart-of-anti-pipeline-revival-gathering-in/article_fcf140cc-2f15-5fb0-8c0b-597aa2cb4fe8.html)

### **Regional/Mountain Valley Pipeline, other**

#### **Pipeline watchdogs slam analysis of proposed project's environmental impacts**

- Roanoke Times – 11/3/16

[http://www.roanoke.com/news/local/roanoke/pipeline-watchdogs-slam-analysis-of-proposed-project-s-environmental-impacts/article\\_475b9c42-8a95-56dd-aed4-57748c36cb12.html](http://www.roanoke.com/news/local/roanoke/pipeline-watchdogs-slam-analysis-of-proposed-project-s-environmental-impacts/article_475b9c42-8a95-56dd-aed4-57748c36cb12.html)

Document termed “insufficient” and “totally inadequate”

Related:

- [http://www.bdtonline.com/news/natural-gas-pipeline-sparks-opposition-concerned-residents-speak-out-against/article\\_f1b35928-a4a1-11e6-94c6-1f8d623b8424.html](http://www.bdtonline.com/news/natural-gas-pipeline-sparks-opposition-concerned-residents-speak-out-against/article_f1b35928-a4a1-11e6-94c6-1f8d623b8424.html)

#### **Commissioners mulling hydrogeological study**

- The Register-Herald -

[http://www.register-herald.com/news/commissioners-mulling-hydrogeological-study/article\\_c1900e30-2ba1-508e-b144-182b35b93c6a.html](http://www.register-herald.com/news/commissioners-mulling-hydrogeological-study/article_c1900e30-2ba1-508e-b144-182b35b93c6a.html)

Though not helpful in combating MVP, study may provide a bulwark against future pipelines in MVP's potential “Utility Corridor”

## **Big Picture:**

#### **Election Roundup: What Trump's Win Means for Energy and Environment**

- Power Magazine – 11/9/16

<http://www.powermag.com/election-roundup-what-trumps-win-means-for-energy-and-environment/?pagenum=1>

Nothing good, you can be sure!

Related:

- <https://www.rtoinsider.com/donald-trump-energy-policy-34058/>

- [http://www.nytimes.com/2016/11/11/us/politics/donald-trump-climate-change.html?\\_r=0](http://www.nytimes.com/2016/11/11/us/politics/donald-trump-climate-change.html?_r=0)

- <http://www.eenews.net/stories/1060045493>

#### **Feds Stall PennEast Pipeline, Application Again Suspended**

- PR NewsWire – 11/8/16

<http://www.prnewswire.com/news-releases/feds-stall-penneast-pipeline-application-again-suspended-300359469.html>

FEIS pushed to mid-February, new data requests sent by FERC and 30-day comment period declared

#### **Williams delays Atlantic Sunrise pipeline project**

- Lebanon Daily News – 11/2/16

<http://www.ldnews.com/story/news/local/2016/11/02/williams-delays-atlantic-sunrise-pipeline-project/93163386/>

**Showdown over N. Dakota pipeline provides lesson in power and perils of protest**

- The Washington Post – 11/7/16  
[https://www.washingtonpost.com/business/economy/showdown-over-n-dakota-pipeline-provides-lesson-in-power-and-perils-of-protest/2016/11/07/113ad8fa-a13e-11e6-8832-23a007c77bb4\\_story.html](https://www.washingtonpost.com/business/economy/showdown-over-n-dakota-pipeline-provides-lesson-in-power-and-perils-of-protest/2016/11/07/113ad8fa-a13e-11e6-8832-23a007c77bb4_story.html)

**LePage: Bring Pennsylvania Natural Gas to Maine Through Canada, Bypassing New England**

- Maine Public – 11/7/16  
<http://mainepublic.org/post/lepage-bring-pennsylvania-natural-gas-maine-through-canada-bypassing-new-england#stream/0>

**Exxon VP calls climate change “serious risk” in Tweet**

- Fuel Fix – 11/10/16  
<http://fuelfix.com/blog/2016/11/10/exxon-vp-calls-climate-change-serious-risk-in-tweet/>  
A somewhat surprising turn given that it happened today  
Related:  
- <http://www.insideottawalley.com/news-story/6956527-kinder-morgan-head-backs-off-climate-remarks/>

**The Obama administration has been quietly rewriting the US Arctic policy**

- Business Insider – 11/9/16  
<http://www.businessinsider.com/obama-administration-arctic-policy-2016-11>

**Renewable Energy Will Do Just Fine In President Trump's America**

- Forbes – 11/10/16  
<http://www.forbes.com/sites/jamesconca/2016/11/10/energy-in-president-trumps-america/#10fc698b69ff>

**November 19, 2016**

**WALK TO PROTECT OUR PEOPLE AND THE PLACES WE LIVE:  
STOP THE PIPELINE**

**NOVEMBER 19 ROBESON COUNTY PRAYER WALK**

Sponsored by Eco-Robeson

1:30 PM; Meet at the Pembroke Town Park, 413 West Third Street in Pembroke across from UNC Pembroke. 2 mile walk. Rally and prayer circle at corner of Prospect Rd and Hwy 72 near the Methane Transfer Station.

Snacks & water will be available.

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**NOVEMBER 19 CUMBERLAND COUNTY WALK**

Sponsored by Cumberland County Caring Voices

9:30 AM: Meet in front of Cape Fear Regional Theater in Fayetteville. 1209 Hay St, Fayetteville, NC 28305. March 1 mile down Hay Street to Rally at Market House for rally and speak out. Ending about noon.

Snacks & water will be available.

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**NOVEMBER 19 NASH COUNTY WALK**

Sponsored by Nash Stop the Pipeline

10:00 AM: Meet at Ennis Recreation Park in Red Oak, on Hwy 43. (Take exit 141 east from I-95; go 3 miles turn right into Park at 1<sup>st</sup> stop light.).

Walk is 9 miles and will end at Nash County Court House about 3 pm in Nashville, NC with rally and speak out. Shuttles available to return participants to Red Oak.

Snacks & water will be available.

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## **STOP the PIPELINE!**

The proposed \$5 billion Atlantic Coast Pipeline has been planned by Dominion Resources Duke Energy and to bring fracked gas from West Virginia, through Virginia and through Eastern North Carolina. It will endanger communities, homes, farms, wetlands and rivers along its entire 550 mile route through three states. In addition, it will contribute enormously to climate change and to extreme weather events like Hurricane Matthew, which devastated some of the counties which the ACP is proposed to pass through. Along the entire route, individuals, communities, and organizations are coming together to prevent its construction in a statewide alliance led by communities in the direct path of the pipeline.

In order to raise public awareness about the pipeline, and to give citizens an opportunity to speak out, there will be walks and rallies in three counties on Saturday, November 19. The walks will be organized under local leadership in Robeson, Cumberland and Nash Counties.

These three November walks will be followed in the spring of 2017 by a longer two week Walk along the 165 miles of the ACP pipeline route in North Carolina.

Each of the walks will have a large banner. In addition participants are encouraged to carry signs of 36 inches or less. Possible messages include: Stop the Pipeline; No ACP; Water is Life; Protect our Homes and Water. Etc. A 36" hula hoop can be used to show the size of the pipeline.

### **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

**LOCAL and STATEWIDE ORGANIZATIONAL SPONSORS OF THE WALKS:** The Walks are being sponsored and supported by a coalition of groups and individuals who are committed to stopping the ACP. Among them are EcoRobeson, Sustainable Sandhills, Nash Stop the Pipeline, Winyah River Keeper, Clean Water for North Carolina, NC WARN, Appalachian Voices, NC Power Forward, Beyond Extreme Energy, Climate Times and Climate Justice Summit.