

PEOPLE'S HEARING

INVESTIGATING FERC ABUSES OF LAW & POWER

When: Friday, December 2, 2016
9:30 am-4:30 pm

Where: National Press Club
529 14th Street, NW, Washington, DC

At this People's Hearing, representatives of impacted communities from across the nation will testify to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's (FERC) abuses of law and power in communities and states across the country. The evidence they present will demonstrate the importance of Congressional hearings into this biased regulatory agency.

THE PEOPLE'S HEARING

182 organizations representing communities in 35 states and the District of Columbia have written** to Congress calling for an investigation into FERC's abuses of power and law in communities across the country. At this People's Hearing, representatives of impacted communities will provide testimony and evidence that will demonstrate the need for Congressional hearings regarding FERC and the Natural Gas Act.

The evidence experts present at the People's Hearing will demonstrate that FERC is misusing the language of the Natural Gas Act to strip American citizens of their legal and constitutional rights, to undermine the rights and authority of states, to ignore the mandates of federal law and other federal agencies, and to strip communities from having full and fair opportunities to participate in the decision-making process around pipelines.

Those FERC has abused are demanding that Congress:

- ✓ Hold hearings investigating the ways communities are being harmed by FERC's implementation of the Natural Gas Act;
- ✓ Reform the Natural Gas Act to better protect communities and support smart, unbiased decisions,
- ✓ Oppose language in the North American Energy Security and Infrastructure Act of 2016 intended to further 'streamline' an already streamlined process for advancing the review and approval of natural gas infrastructure and that undermines state authority.

** Letter can be found at: <http://bit.ly/CongHrgsReqFERC>

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South Coast Neighbors United
Sierra Club
Responsible Drilling Alliance
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Chesapeake Climate Action Network (CCAN)
Waterkeepers Chesapeake
Gas Free Seneca

Complete it Cuomo
Ban the Transport of Fracked Gas
Green America
Virginia River Healers
New Mexico River Healers
Safe Energy Rights Group (SEnRG)
Climate Mama
SAPE
Sourland Conservancy
Resist the Pipeline
Stop the West Roxbury Lateral Pipeline
Sustainable Medina County
WV Chapter of Sierra Club
Interfaith Moral Action on Climate
Lancaster Against Pipelines
Coalition for Responsible Siting of LNG Facilities
No Fracked Gas in Mass
Protecting Our Water, Heritage, Rights (POWHR)
FrackFreeNC Alliance
NC Alliance to Stop the ACP
Mountain Lakes Preservation Alliance

Time	Speaker	Organization or Pipeline Battle	States Representing
9:30	Call to Order		
9:45 AM	Maya van Rossum--the Delaware Riverkeeper--Introduction		
10:00	Judges Introduce Themselves		
10:20	Private Property Taken for Corporate Gain		
	William Limpert	Atlantic Coast Pipeline	Maryland and Virginia
	David Reilly	Sierra Club Niagara	Western NY
	Bruce Baxter	Constitution Pipeline	
	Claude P. Bowie Junior	Fair Compensation for Underground Storage	Mississippi
	Jacqueline Haut Evans	HALT Founding Member	New Jersey and Pennsylvania
10:50	People's Rights & State's Rights Abused		
	Tom Michalenko		New Jersey
	Megan Holleran	Maple Syrup Farm	Pennsylvania
	Nancy Vann	Reynolds Hills, Inc.	New York
	Ryan Talbott	Appalachian Mountain Advocates	Pennsylvania and Oregon
	Suzannah Glidden	Stop the Algonquin Pipeline Expansion (SAPE)	New York
11:20	Conflicts and Self Dealing		
	Susan Meacham	Holland Township CCAP (Concerned Citizens Against the Pipeline)	New Jersey
	Susan Van Dolsen	Stop the Algonquin Pipeline Expansion	New York
	Karen Feridun	Berks Gas Truth	
	David Pringle/Alyssa Bradley	Clean Water Action	New Jersey
11:44	Ignoring Facts, Science & Law		
	Maya van Rossum, the Delaware Riverkeeper	Delaware Riverkeeper Network	Pennsylvania, New Jersey, New York and Delaware
	Spencer Phillips	Key-Log Economics	Virginia
	Paul Blanch	AIM, Nuclear Expert	New York
	Amy Rosmarin	Stop the Algonquin Pipeline Expansion (SAPE)	New York
	Donny Williams	We Are Cove Point	Maryland
	David Sligh	Wild Virginia	Virginia
	Belinda Blazic	Garden State Expansion Project	New Jersey
	Kathy Harget	Green America	Washington, DC
	Courtney Williams	Resist AIM	New York
12:38	Future Generations Ignored		
	Ted Glick	Beyond Extreme Energy	Washington, DC
	Glen Besa	Sierra Club Virginia	Virginia
	Cathy Strickler	Climate Action Alliance of the Valley	Virginia
12:56	Public Voice Stripped		
	Chad Oba	Friends of Buckingham	Virginia
	Renee Walker	Fulton County Common Sense Energy Coalition	Ohio
	Russell Chisholm	Preserve Giles County	Virginia
	Michelle Keith	South Coast Neighbors United	Massachusetts
	Chris Gauthier	Spectra Energy Access NorthEast Project	Massachusetts
	Lakshmi Fjord	Friends of Buckingham	Virginia

1:38 Taking Public Treasures		
Jane Winn	Berkshire Environmental Action Team (BEAT)	Massachusetts
Patrick Robbins	Sane Energy Project	New York
Ernie Reed	Friends of Nelson and Wild Virginia	Virginia
Jerolyn Deplazes	Preserve Newport Historic Properties	Virginia
Irene Leech	Virginia Tech	Virginia
2:08 False Claims of Need		
Wendy Graca	South Coast Neighbors United	Massachusetts
Ivy Main	Sierra Club Virginia	Virginia
April Keating	Mountain Lakes Preservation Alliance	West Virginia
Patty Cronheim	ReThink Energy NJ	New Jersey
2:32 Bias and abuse in the Process		
Richard Shingles	Preserve Giles County	Virginia
Lea Harper	FreshWater Accountability Project	Ohio
Paul Gierosky	CORN	Ohio
Ellen Cantarow	Journalist	New York
Jeff Tittel	Sierra Club NJ	New Jersey
Stephanie Scherr	ECHO Action	New Hampshire
David Mucklow	Coalition to Reroute Nexus (CORN)	Ohio
3:14 Peoples Rights & Voices Undermined		
Carol Davis	Diné Citizens Against Ruining our Environment	Arizona
James Michel	Resist the Pipeline	Massachusetts
Marla Marcum	Climate Disobedience Center, Resist the Pipeline	Massachusetts
Nancy J. Wilson	Stop the West Roxbury Pipeline, Resist the Pipeline	Massachusetts
Paul Horn	Stop the West Roxbury Lateral Pipeline Coalition (SWRL)	Massachusetts
Dr. Elizabeth Athaide-Victor	Neighbors Against Nexus	Ohio
Jessica Roff	Catskill Mountainkeeper	New York
Janet Barrow	Sabal Trail Pipeline	Florida
3:56 Real People Real Harms		
Terri Myers	PreserveRoanoke/BentMountain	Pennsylvania
Roberta Motherway Bondurant	Mountain Lakes Preservation Alliance	Virginia
William Huston	Calvert Citizens for a Healthy Community	West Virginia
Leslie Garcia	Friends of Water/Citizens' Climate Lobby Southern WV	Maryland
Chris Hale		West Virginia
Geri Ann Siwulec		New Jersey
Cara Bottorff	Key-Log Economics	
Judges end the hearing -- at 4:38		
4:38 Wrap Up, Next Steps		