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Secretary Kimberly Bose
Federal Energy Regulation Commission
888 First Street, N.E.
Washington, D.C. 20426

Dear Secretary Bose:

As the Delegate representing the Middletown Valley in the Maryland General Assembly, and as a resident of the Middletown Valley, I am writing to submit my concerns regarding Dominion Transmission, Inc's (DTI) proposed natural gas compression station, Docket PF07-12-000.

As you are probably aware, there has been a great deal of sustained outcry among the citizens of Middletown Valley concerning this proposal. Many of my constituents have contacted me citing their concerns of the potentially negative environmental and quality-of-life impacts of building a compressor on this site. Ideally, the most viable location would utilize industrial or commercial property. I am not materially convinced that DTI has adequately considered other placement options.

Great investment has been made by federal, state and local governments in comprehensive efforts to preserve the unique heritage of Middletown Valley. The location for the proposed compressor is very close to the Appalachian Trail, South Mountain Battlefield State Park and is surrounded by several farms that are part of the Maryland Agricultural Land Preservation Foundation.

I ask that the Federal Energy Regulation Commission take these considerations into account when considering DTI's proposal, and respectfully request DTI's evaluation of alternative sites.

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