

# PEOPLE'S HEARING

## INVESTIGATING FERC ABUSES OF LAW & POWER

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**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 communities 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>

# JUDGES

**Anneke Walsh,**  
of the impacted Millennial Generation

**Aaron Stemplewicz**  
Attorney, Delaware Riverkeeper Network

**Aaron Mintzes**  
Attorney, Earthworks

**Scott Edwards**  
Attorney, Food & Water Watch

## ORGANIZERS

**DELAWARE RIVERKEEPER NETWORK**

**BERKS GAS TRUTH**

**FOOD & WATER WATCH**

**EARTHWORKS**

**BEYOND EXTREME ENERGY**

**CLEAN WATER ACTION**

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# OUR SPONSORS

**People, Not Pipelines**  
**Stop the Algonquin Pipeline Expansion**  
**Earth Guardians**  
**Freshwater Accountability Project**  
**Advocates for Springfield, NY**  
**Berkshire Environmental Action Team (BEAT)**  
**Big Bend Conservation Alliance**  
**Franciscan Response to Fracking**  
**OVEC**  
**Concerned Citizens for a Safe Environment**  
**Sane Energy Project**  
**North Jersey Pipeline Walkers**  
**We Are Cove Point**  
**Halt the Harm**  
**South Coast Neighbors United**  
**Sierra Club**  
**Responsible Drilling Alliance**  
**NJ Sierra Club**  
**Chesapeake Climate Action Network (CCAN)**  
**Waterkeepers Chesapeake**  
**Gas Free Seneca**  
**Seneca Lake Guardian**  
**Complete it Cuomo**  
**Friends of Water**

**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**  
**Coalition to Reroute Nexus (CoRN)**  
**Preserve Roanoke/Bent Mountain**  
**NY Friends of Clean Air and Water**  
**Sierra Club Niagara**

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