

**RESOLUTION TO OPPOSE THE PROPOSED MOUNTAIN VALLEY PIPELINE  
SOUTHGATE EXTENSION IN ALAMANCE COUNTY BY THE ALAMANCE COUNTY  
COMMISSIONERS**

Whereas, the Mountain Valley Pipeline (MVP) LLC announced plans in April 2018 to extend the 303-mile proposed Mountain Valley Pipeline from its currently planned end point in Pittsylvania County, Virginia, 72 miles through Rockingham and into Alamance Counties of North Carolina, creating “MVP Southgate”; and

Whereas, the proposed 24-inch MVP Southgate Extension pipeline in North Carolina would transport highly pressurized “fracked” gas from the Marcellus Shale Region; and

Whereas, according to recent earnings calls, MVP LLC estimates the proposed extension cost at between \$350 and \$500 million which could ultimately be paid for by captive ratepayers; and

Whereas, the proposed MVP Southgate is likely to create few, if any, permanent new jobs or opportunities and likely no or few temporary jobs or opportunities for the citizens of Alamance County; and

Whereas, according to a recent study by Synapse Energy Economic, Inc, “the anticipated gas supply capacity on existing and upgraded infrastructure [in Virginia and North Carolina] is sufficient to meet maximum gas demand from 2017 through 2030”; and

Whereas, the proposed MVP Southgate would require up to 125-foot-wide temporary easement during its construction phase and a 50-foot permanent easement with very limited practical use for the landowners; and

Whereas, the proposed MVP Southgate would clear away hundreds of acres of natural habitat, mature trees; and

Whereas, health and safety hazards include pipeline leaks, potentially catastrophic explosions, and public health hazards due to toxic compressor station emissions and water contamination; and

Whereas, people living near compressor stations experience respiratory impacts, sinus problems, throat irritation, eye irritation, nasal irritation, vision impairment, sleep disturbances, severe headaches and complain of the constant high noise levels; and

Whereas, local emergency first responders may not possess the assets, resources, training, nor personnel to properly respond to a catastrophic explosion or leak of a pipeline of this magnitude; and

Whereas, highly pressurized fracked gas pipelines are known to leak methane gas, which contaminates the soil and air and has been known to cause sudden explosions; and

Whereas, surface and subsurface disturbances, alternation of watercourses, impacts on groundwater, fragmentation of habitats, visual blight, creation of travel corridors for invasive species, lost timber production, and other changes are all likely; and

Whereas, environmental risks include damage to streams and wetlands where the pipeline crosses and from heavy machinery and construction sediment; and

Therefore, let it be Resolved that the **Alamance County Commission** officially opposes the proposed Mountain Valley Pipeline Southgate extension from gaining permits, using eminent domain to take land, and constructing its pipeline through Alamance County, North Carolina.