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## IN THE UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS FOR THE FOURTH CIRCUIT

## DEFENDERS OF WILDLIFE, SIERRA CLUB, and VIRGINIA WILDERNESS COMMITTEE, *Petitioners*,

v.

UNITED STATES FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE, an agency of the U.S. Department of Interior, JIM KURTH, in his official capacity as Acting Director, PAUL PHIFER, in his official capacity as Assistant Regional Director, Ecological Services, Responsible Official,

Respondents.

#### JOINT PETITION FOR REVIEW

Pursuant to the Administrative Procedure Act, 5 U.S.C. § 702, Section 19(d)(1) of the Natural Gas Act, 15 U.S.C. § 717r(d)(1), and Federal Rule of Appellate Procedure 15(a), Defenders of Wildlife, Sierra Club and the Virginia Wilderness Committee petition this Court for review of the United States Fish and Wildlife Service's Biological Opinion and Incidental Take Statement, dated September 11, 2018, for the Atlantic Coast Pipeline and Supply Header Project. In accordance with Local Rule 15(b), a copy of the Biological Opinion and Incidental Take Statement is attached hereto as Exhibit A. In accordance with Rule 15(c) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure,

parties that may have been admitted to participate in the underlying procedure have

been served with a copy of this Petition. Pursuant to Local Rule 15(b), a list of

Respondents is attached.

DATED: September 19, 2018

Respectfully submitted,

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# LIST OF RESPONDENTS

Pursuant to Local Rule 15(b), Petitioners hereby provide a list of

Respondents, specifically identifying the Respondents' names and the addresses

where Respondents may be served with copies of the Petition:

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## **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

In accordance with Federal Rules of Appellate Procedure 15(c)(1) & (2), the undersigned hereby certifies that a true copy of this Petition for Review was served via U.S. Certified mail on each of the following entities that may have been admitted to participate in the agency proceedings :

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This is the <u>19th</u> day of September, 2018.

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