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Ms. Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
888 First Street, NE
Room 1A
Washington, DC 20426

RE: Dominion Energy West Loop Project, Docket Number CP19-26-000

Dear Ms. Bose:

As the Pennsylvania State Senator representing Beaver, Butler & Lawrence Counties, I take great pride in watching our region prosper and grow. I have watched as Pennsylvania, West Virginia and Ohio experience tremendous economic activity, as a result of Marcellus and Utica Shale activity. This upswing in local opportunity would not be possible without the influx of business resulting from energy infrastructure development. Companies like Dominion Energy, which construct and operate interstate natural gas facilities and has a large presence in my senatorial district, are literally fueling the local and U.S. economy.

Through the proposed West Loop Project, Dominion Energy will construct approximately 5 miles of looping pipeline in Beaver County, Pennsylvania and install equipment at other Dominion Energy facilities in Pennsylvania & Ohio. The Pennsylvania portion of this project is entirely in my Senatorial District. These improvements will help meet the increasing demand for Pennsylvania produced natural gas in the region and specifically in Ohio where delivery will take place.

Ultimately, these project improvements will increase the amount of locally produced natural gas available to provide greater electric reliability to homes and businesses in our region of the United States. Access to additional natural gas supplies is critical to offsetting coal-fired power plant retirements projected to take place across the region over the next few years. When work begins, the West Loop Project will create jobs, generate tax revenue and boost our local economy. Individuals involved with the project will spur business growth in the area by eating at our restaurants, staying in our hotels and purchasing other local goods and services.

Understanding that there will be short- and long-term, local, regional and national benefits, I fully support Dominion Energy's West Loop Project and urge the Commission's approval of this critical project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Elder Vogel Jr.".

Senator Elder Vogel, Jr.
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