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Journal Entry on the Rhetorical Situation

1. Risky and Unnecessary Natural Gas Pipelines Threaten Our Region
2. I am interested in this article because it has to deal with my major, Environmental Science. The Atlantic Coast Pipeline is a natural gas pipeline that is approximately 550 miles long. Areas like Buckingham are targeted due to their low income and lack of power or political push back to not allow the pipe line to go through their town. Also, in Buckingham, they are trying to put a compressor station in the town.
3. Author: Southern Environmental Law Center has a background of scientific literature dealing with environmental concerns. The law center writes articles to inform and persuade the general public on environmental issues.

Audience: The general public that is less knowledgeable of things that are going on around the community. To people who do not understand the scientific language that Dominion Power may use to try and explain their ideas or plans.

Text: The text is an online article that explains the risks that the Atlantic Coast Pipeline will bring to these affected areas. This article is mostly negative effects and it is trying to persuade public land owners to fight back so that the pipe line will not come through the towns.

Purpose: To persuade the audience that the pipeline is bad for the environment and that they need to fight back against Dominion. It also informs the general public of information that they may not know.

Setting: The setting is areas that are effected by the pipeline. It is going to be approximately 550 miles long a run through towns. The article also involves a video online that shows the damages that can be done to the environment.