

Dear BXE family,

"In its purest form, direct action does not aim to persuade those in power, but seeks to foster and assert the power of those carrying out the action themselves. When people carry out a direct action, they are rejecting the state's monopoly on decision-making, and asserting their own autonomy, while providing an example for others to follow."

The above definition of direct action comes from [this video](#) by subMedia.tv. It says a lot about why direct action is absolutely necessary to stop FERC right now, when for the first time in history, it lacks the quorum it needs to approve fossil fuel infrastructure.

We have the power to bypass their violent regulatory nonsense, and to overcome our government's intransigence to the health and well-being of the people. By refusing to allow the Senate to confirm a new FERC commissioner, we are carrying out the business of creating a new world.

Click [here](#) to express interest in taking direct action to stop the confirmation of new FERC commissioners.

In the struggle,
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Upcoming Events (From Friends and Allies)

1. **PACK THE CAPITAL PRIDE BOARD MEETING.** Monday, May 8. Washington, DC.
We're showing up at the Capital Pride board meeting to remind the board members what DC's queer and trans community actually looks like. There can be no pride unless there is justice. Capital Pride must stop working the with police and corporations that hurt our communities, and become the protest it needs to be. Click [here](#) to learn more.
2. **DISPLACED; CONVERSATION ON CLIMATE, REFUGEE CRISIS & IMMIGRATION.**
Tuesday, May 9. New York, NY. Sane Energy Project invites you to a forum on how we can support immigrants as well as refugees abroad. The event begins with a segment of Outside the World, an immersive theater experience that places the audience in the shoes of refugees entering a camp. Then we'll hear presentations by climate scientists, immigration organizers and others, and conclude with an audience Q&A. Click [here](#) to learn more.
3. **BLOW THE WHISTLE ON DOMINION.** Wednesday, May 10. Richmond, VA. Dominion's Annual Meeting is a great time to send a message to Dominion's Shareholders and

Executives like CEO Tom Farrell and VA Power President Bob Blue that Virginians will not tolerate Dominion's manipulation of our politicians and DEQ, who allow this corporation to poison our water and our air. Click [here](#) to learn more.

4. NO PIPELINE THROUGH THE PINE BARRENS. Friday May 12- Saturday May 13. Mays Landing, NJ. We are working with the Pinelands Preservation Alliance group to help raise funds to stop the SJG natural gas pipeline from going through the pine barrens!!! Click [here](#) to learn more.
5. VIGIL TO #SaveTheInternet. Sunday, May 14. Washington, DC. Two years ago we put the pressure on Chairman Wheeler outside his home and now we're using the same tactic to pressure Chairman Ajit Pai and let him know that while he may love Telecoms, we love an open internet! Click [here](#) to learn more.

Action Items (From Friends and Allies)

1. Sign-up to participate in the May 22-23 FERC Vacancies Lobby Days in Washington, DC. We will lobby senators to oppose restoration of a quorum at FERC and to use the nomination process to expose FERC's abuses of power and law. Click [here](#) to learn more and sign up!
2. The week before Mother's day organizations in Oakland, Los Angeles, St. Petersburg, Montgomery, Memphis, Minneapolis, Durham, Atlanta and beyond will bail out as many mothers as possible who otherwise would spend Mother's Day in a cell simply because they cannot afford bail. National Mama's Bail Out Day will give incarcerated mothers an opportunity to spend Mother's Day with their families and build community through gatherings that highlight the impact of inhumane and destructive bail practices on our communities! We will bail out mama's in all of our varieties — queer, trans, young, elder, and immigrant. Click [here](#) to learn more.
3. For folks in West Virginia, Virginia, and North Carolina, take The Burn Your Easement Challenge! All property owners in the path of destruction of Dominion's Atlantic Coast Pipeline are encouraged to participate. Click [here](#) to learn more.

Reading Material

1. "Atlantic Coast Pipeline Protestors Deliver Eviction Notice to Duke Energy CEO's Home." Click [here](#) to read about what North Carolina BXEers were up to last week. For a field report from Steve Norris, who was a part of the action, click [here](#).
2. 18 people were arrested at Otis State Forest in MA to block a construction site for a fracked gas pipeline being built by Tennessee Gas Pipeline, a subsidiary of Kinder Morgan. Click [here](#) to read more.
3. The slogan #ToxicBankers, FRACK OFF and DIVEST NOW have been spray painted on the side of the King Street bank by the group Rising Up! They claim the bank has a 97

per cent stake in Third Energy, a corporation seeking fracking in the Ryedale area of Yorkshire. Click [here](#) to read more.

4. Landowner Bill Limpert burning his easement for the Atlantic Coast Pipeline in Virginia. Click [here](#) to watch!
5. Coverage of FERC Vacancies has jumped considerably this week: [Anxiety common, consensus elusive over power market reforms at first day of FERC conference](#), [Another FERC Commissioner to Resign](#), [Commissioner Honorable to not pursue another term at FERC](#), [FERC May Soon Have One Commissioner, a Former National Grid CEO](#), [Amid FERC Commissioner Shakeup: Oil and Gas Companies Seek to Give Regulatory Body More Control Over Timeline Enforcement](#), [Trump's FERC Inaction Continues, Suggesting a Policy](#), [US Senate energy panel leaders urge Trump to 'get moving' on FERC nominees](#), [Despite shorthanded FERC, EQT expects Mountain Valley Pipeline environmental decision this summer](#), [Trump's Delay Stalls \\$50 Billion of Energy Projects in Pipeline](#), [The National Power Grid Is Being Overseen by a Democrat — For Now](#), [Lack of FERC Appointments Threatens to Hold Up Infrastructure Projects](#)
6. “The People’s Climate March: Radical Art & Mainstream Paradigms.” Click [here](#) to watch Acto Out’s Eleanor Goldfield’s one hour special on the People’s Climate March. In it, you’ll hear a special analysis with “Dissentralized” Organizer Jimmy Betts as he protects at [Camp White Pine, PA](#).
7. “The Climate Crisis Is An Opportunity For Bold Actions.” Click [here](#) to hear a Clearing the Fog interview with climate scientist Ben Horton and BXE organizer Lee Stewart about the state of the climate crisis and what we need to address it.
8. “Settler State Repression: Standing Rock Battles Continue in the Courts.” Click [here](#) to read more about what’s going on with the Water Protectors now.
9. Three Code Pink activists on charges related to a protest at the confirmation hearing of Jeff Sessions for attorney general — including a woman whose only offense was laughing. They face up to 12 months in jail, \$2,000 in fines, or both. Click [here](#) to read more.
10. “FBI is Harassing an Activist’s Friends and Family in Asheville, NC.” Click [here](#) to read more, including info on what to do if the FBI shows up at your door (hint: don’t speak to them and contact a lawyer).

Meme of the Week

**"Overtly racist white people are the sword of white supremacy. Silent white people are the shield."
-Matthew Lecki**

This meme was posted by Jennifer Marie. If you would like to re-share it, please do so from [here](#).

Quote of the Week

"Estes cautions against those who think Trump is acting in a truly exceptional way.

"The Haudenosaunee [Iroquois], who fought George Washington ... call every sitting president 'town destroyer,'" he said. "I think that is apt."

Estes sees the state violence at Standing Rock as a continuation of state brutality against Indigenous people across the US, which runs alongside tactics like naming cruise missiles "Tomahawks" and helicopters "Blackhawks."

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"These all come from 19th century Indian wars," he said. "Standing Rock is a continuation of these wars. Since the 1878 policy, which spelled out the use of 'just war' against Indigenous, the message has been, 'Acquiesce to us, or face the consequences' -- which means negotiate land cessions and concede to the US government or war will be waged against you. And that is exactly what happened at Standing Rock."

Moreover, Estes believes that during this historical moment, when we are talking about Indigenous decolonization, we need to also be discussing what is happening regarding budget cuts to schools, healthcare and social services.

"All these issues are deeply connected, and Standing Rock was a moment of a larger movement," he concluded. "The settler state uses police violence for their aims, and out of that, you can violently secure the trespass of a pipeline to continue dispossessing Indigenous land

and water. But you cannot dispossess us of our experience of Standing Rock, as that will reverberate far into the future." --Dahr Jamail in [this](#) article.

BXE Call Schedule

FERC Vacancies: Monday (5/8), 5pm EST
Call-in: 302-202-1108, code: 950727

General: Thursday (5/11), 4pm EST
Call-In: 302-202-1108, code: 950727

Budget & Fundraising: Thursday (5/11), 5pm EST
Call-In: 302-202-1108, code: 950727

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