

IN THE PIPELINE

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Our project newsletter to stakeholders

We are pleased to provide you with the fourth newsletter for the MVP Southgate project as part of our effort to maintain communication with stakeholders throughout the regulatory process.

MVP Southgate receives Draft Environmental Impact Statement

On Friday, July 26, 2019, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) issued the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the MVP Southgate project. This DEIS was issued after more than 15 months of project planning and development. It reflects the evaluation of data from civil, environmental and cultural surveys conducted along 90 percent of the proposed route, as well as feedback from landowners, state and federal agencies, local officials, tribes and non-governmental organizations.

Through the DEIS, the FERC evaluates the potential environmental impacts associated with construction and operation of the proposed pipeline. While some environmental impacts are anticipated, the FERC concluded that those impacts would be limited and that, through implementation of the MVP Southgate team's proposed plans and additional conditions offered by the FERC, these impacts could be reduced to less than significant levels.

In order to meet growing public demand, MVP Southgate was designed to provide the region with an additional supply of natural gas, and the team has worked closely with its many stakeholders to develop a route that minimizes potential impacts. Since the project was announced in April 2018, the MVP Southgate team has made more than 1,000 adjustments to its route. The majority of these changes have been based on landowner requests, engineering considerations or an effort to avoid sensitive resources.

The MVP Southgate team will continue to work with landowners and other stakeholders to refine the proposed route as necessary and will respond to the FERC with the information requested in the DEIS. The MVP Southgate team also will evaluate and respond to public comments on the DEIS. Comments can be submitted to the FERC through September 16, 2019.

Key takeaways from FERC's Draft Environmental Impact Statement:

- “Based on our findings we conclude that the proposed Project is the preferred alternative that can meet the Project’s stated purpose.” (Page 3-48)
- “Based on our review of the potential impacts and mitigation measures, including our recommendations, we conclude that constructing and operating the Project would not significantly impact wildlife, terrestrial habitats, migratory birds, or fisheries and aquatic resources.” (Page ES-6)
- “We conclude that Mountain Valley’s compliance with applicable design, construction and maintenance standards, and DOT safety regulations would be protective of public safety.” (Page ES-8)

Read the full DEIS at
www.mvpsouthgate.com/news-info/

The next steps

FERC staff will host public meetings to collect comments on the DEIS. Individual verbal comments will be taken on a one-on-one basis with a court reporter. While there will not be a formal presentation during these meetings, the public will have direct access to Commission staff to answer questions about the DEIS and the environmental review process. MVP Southgate representatives will also be present at each meeting to answer questions about the project.

Numbers will be provided to attendees in the order of their arrival, and distribution of the numbers will be discontinued at 7 p.m. in order to ensure all comments are received by the session closing time. Comments provided to the court reporter will be recorded, transcribed and submitted under the project's FERC Docket No. CP19-14, and will be considered by FERC in preparation of the Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS). The FERC has scheduled the FEIS for release in December 2019.

Schedule of upcoming DEIS public comment meetings

Rockingham County, NC

August 19, 2019
5 PM to 8 PM

Rockingham Community College
215 Wrenn Memorial Road
Wentworth, NC 27375

Pittsylvania County, VA

August 20, 2019
5 PM to 8 PM

Olde Dominion
Agricultural Complex
19783 U.S. Hwy 29 South
Chatham, VA 24531

Alamance County, NC

August 22, 2019
5 PM to 8 PM

Vailtree Event &
Conference Center
1567 Bakatsias Lane
Haw River, NC 27258

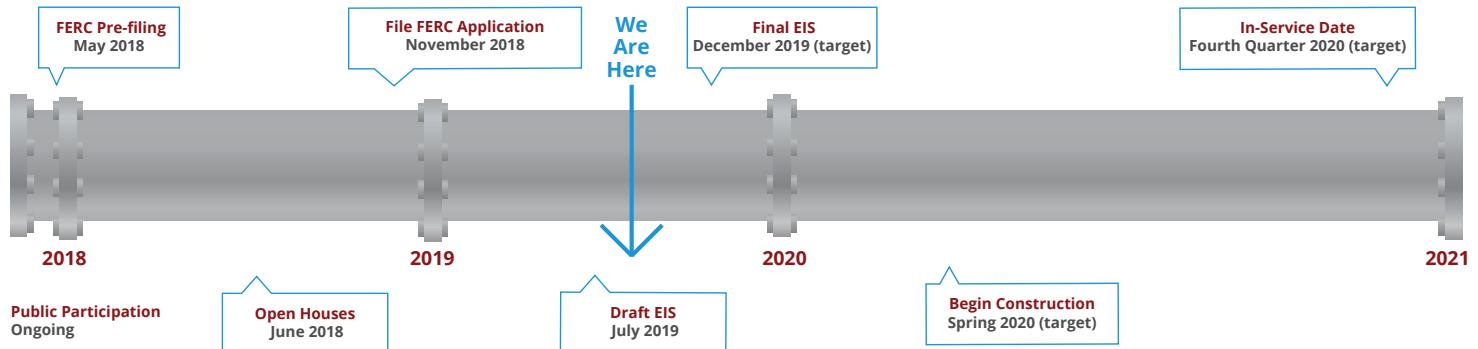
Additional efforts noted in the DEIS

- More than 50 percent of the proposed MVP Southgate project route is co-located along existing rights of way.
- The temporary easement needed for construction of the project would be reduced in wetland areas to 75 feet.
- Upon completion of construction, the MVP Southgate team will re-establish vegetation on the right of way and restore the ground surface to original contours as closely as practicable.

Other ways to comment

Comments citing the project docket number, CP19-14, may also be submitted until September 16, 2019, through:

- U.S. Mail: Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street NE, Room 1A, Washington, D.C. 20426
- eFiling: www.ferc.gov



Our focus: Safety and preserving culture, environment

Safety is the No. 1 priority for the MVP Southgate project team. That's why we've committed to meeting or exceeding industry standards and best practices for construction and operation of this proposed interstate natural gas transmission line.

This project includes 24/7 remote monitoring and steel pipe at least .375-inch thick and buried under a marked right-of-way at least three feet below ground level. Cathodic protection beds and a fusion-bonded epoxy, like the one used to protect the interior of public drinking water pipes, will be used to protect this steel pipe against corrosion. Federal, state and project inspectors will be assigned throughout the right-of-way to monitor activity and compliance during construction.

For more than a year, our team has been working with experts in the field to identify environmentally and culturally sensitive areas along the project's proposed 74 mile route. We are dedicated to building this project in the most responsible manner, and teams of archaeologists, biologists and engineers have worked diligently to avoid those sensitive areas, mitigate any impacts and develop the best possible route in order to provide the additional supply of natural gas that North Carolinians need.



An archaeological technician sifts through excavated soil at a cultural survey and archaeological testing site along the proposed MVP Southgate project. Members of the North Carolina Office of State Archaeology, the North Carolina Commission of Indian Affairs and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers visited the site to witness the surveying activities.

Engaging with the community

The MVP Southgate project team believes in making positive contributions to the community and being a good corporate citizen. We are proud to be members of the Danville-Pittsylvania Chamber of Commerce in Virginia, and the Reidsville, Eden and Alamance County chambers of commerce in North Carolina. The project team also proudly supports other education- and business-oriented activities and organizations, including the 2019 NC Envirothon and the Rockingham County Education Foundation.

Team members are focused on engaging with business leaders, residents, government officials, non-governmental groups and other stakeholders to increase economic opportunity and maintain the region's high quality of life.

We intend to continue working with local and state public safety agencies and emergency responders to discuss the safe and responsible construction and operation of the proposed pipeline.



Rockingham County Education Foundation's 10th annual fundraiser benefit was supported through ticket sales, donations and sponsorships, with proceeds directly supporting programs to increase educational opportunities for county residents.



Your feedback is important

For more information on our project

Access recent project filings on the FERC website at
https://elibrary.ferc.gov/idmws/docket_search.asp
and use the docket number **CP19-14**

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