

# IN THE PIPELINE

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## Our project newsletter to stakeholders

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

## MVP Southgate receives FERC certificate

The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) approved a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity for the MVP Southgate project on Thursday, June 18, 2020, marking a key milestone in the project's regulatory review.

The certificate, which recognizes the clear public need for the proposed project, follows more than two years of planning, development, and review. The proposed 75-mile underground pipeline will tie into the Mountain Valley Pipeline near Chatham, Virginia, and transport natural gas to delivery points in Rockingham and Alamance counties in North Carolina. Dominion Energy North Carolina (DENC), formerly PSNC Energy, is the local distribution company serving much of central North Carolina and is the anchor shipper on the MVP Southgate project.

The MVP Southgate team has worked diligently with landowners, community members, local officials, and state and federal agencies to identify the best possible route for the proposed pipeline. Approximately half of the route is collocated along existing utility corridors.

A Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS), issued in February 2020, concluded the project would result in limited adverse impacts and acknowledged the hundreds of route adjustments made to accommodate landowner requests, engineering considerations and avoid sensitive resources. The FEIS also noted the project is the preferred option for meeting the intended purpose of providing new natural gas supply access to central North Carolina and southern Virginia.

Construction of this important infrastructure project is expected to create approximately 1,700 jobs and generate more than \$10 million in state and local tax revenues in North Carolina and Virginia.

After entering service, the MVP Southgate project is expected to generate more than \$4.5 million in new annual ad valorem tax revenues to local communities along its route and provide the region with the additional supply needed to meet residential and business demand for affordable, clean-burning natural gas.

### FERC's Order

To read the FERC's full order granting a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity for MVP Southgate, visit [www.mvpsouthgate.com/news-info](http://www.mvpsouthgate.com/news-info)

## Excerpts from the FERC's Order

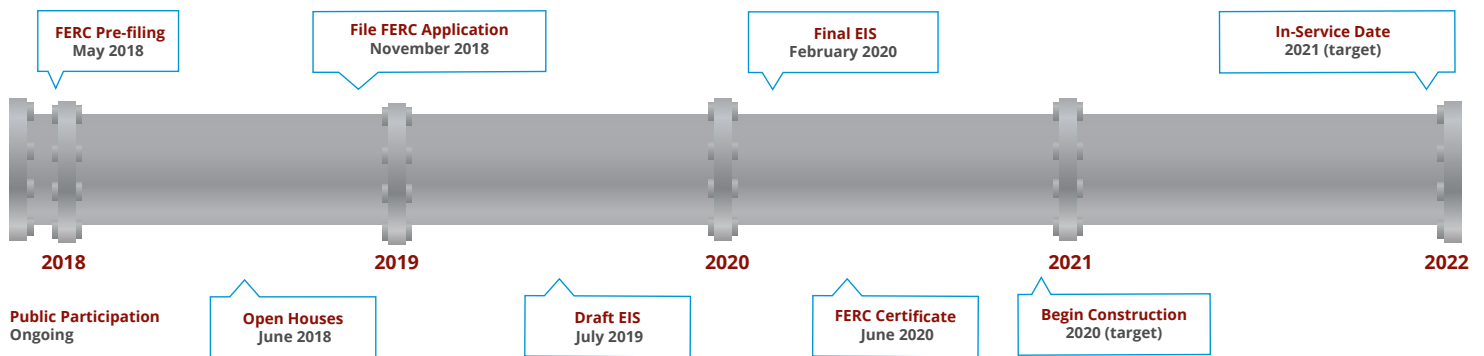
In the 130-page order, the FERC detailed the rationale for concluding that construction and operation of the MVP Southgate project is needed to meet public demand for natural gas. Here are some key excerpts:

*"We find that Mountain Valley has sufficiently demonstrated that there is market demand for its project." (Page 19)*

*"Commission staff identified numerous reasonable alternatives to the project, which were evaluated in the EIS. Staff concluded that none of the alternatives analyzed would meet the project's purpose and need, be technically feasible, and offer a significant environmental advantage." (Page 38)*

*"The Commission encourages cooperation between interstate pipelines and local authorities. However, this does not mean that state and local agencies, through application of state or local laws, may prohibit or unreasonably delay the construction or operation of facilities approved by this Commission." (Page 67)*

## Project Schedule



## Next steps

The MVP Southgate project team continues to work with state and federal agencies to satisfy permitting requirements necessary for construction to begin. The project team also continues to acquire right-of-way for the pipeline. To date, Mountain Valley has purchased easements across the majority of the proposed route.

**In North Carolina,** the project team has worked collaboratively with the state Department of Environmental Quality for more than a year as part of the application process for a state water-quality certification permit, and continues to work toward satisfying the requirements for this permit. The project team has committed to a series of best-management practices that raise the bar for linear infrastructure construction in North Carolina and protect waterbodies, riparian buffers and wetlands along the route.

**In Virginia,** the project team is working with the state Department of Environmental Quality to satisfy air permit requirements related to the project's proposed compressor station in Pittsylvania County. The station would incorporate state-of-the-art technology to ensure it is a minor source of emissions, and is proposed to be built on land already owned by Mountain Valley.

## Response to COVID-19

Community groups, companies and charitable organizations are working together to provide relief to families and small businesses struggling to get by because of the COVID-19 pandemic. Mountain Valley and the companies leading the Southgate joint venture are committed to being good partners and supporting these community efforts.

**In Pittsylvania County, Virginia,** the Rotary Club of Chatham and the Boys & Girls Clubs of the Danville Area are spearheading relief services. The Rotary Club teamed with Pittsylvania County Public Schools to fund meal deliveries to families of students in need, while the Boys & Girls Clubs staffed and maintained food supplies at drive-through pick-up areas.

**In North Carolina,** the Reidsville Chamber of Commerce and Reidsville Downtown Corporation launched a “Buy One, Give One Community Relief Program.” The Chamber sold gift cards to local businesses and raised \$15,000 in matching funds – provided by the Reidsville Area Foundation and MVP Southgate – to support local charitable organizations, including the Salvation Army of Rockingham County.

The Salvation Army of Rockingham County operates food pantries in Reidsville and Eden, and provides clothing, rent/utility relief and food to those in need.

In Alamance County, officials designated the United Way of Alamance County as the Emergency Operations Center Feeding Coordinator. The organization coordinated and distributed more than \$150,000 in donated funds to Alamance County nonprofits, churches and other charitable organizations for relief services that helped more than 10,000 people per month. They also just completed a Spirit of Alamance Food Drive that raised over 3,200 shelf-stable items for local food pantries.

### Protect Yourself And Others

The COVID-19 pandemic is affecting all facets of life, and it is important for everyone to take steps to limit the risk of infection. More details about these general safety recommendations from the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention can be found at <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-nCoV/index.html>

#### Wash your hands often

- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds especially after you have been in a public place, or after blowing your nose, coughing, or sneezing.
- If soap and water are not readily available, use a hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.

#### Avoid close contact

- Avoid close contact with people who are sick, even inside your home.
- Maintain at least 6 feet from other people.

#### Cover your mouth and nose with a cloth face cover when around others

- Everyone should wear a cloth face cover when they have to go out in public.
- Cloth face coverings should not be placed on young children under age 2, anyone who has trouble breathing, or is unconscious, incapacitated or otherwise unable to remove the mask without assistance.

#### Cover coughs and sneezes

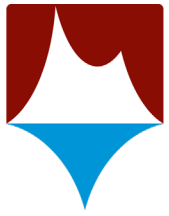
- Always cover your mouth and nose with a tissue when you cough or sneeze or use the inside of your elbow and do not spit.
- Throw used tissues in the trash.
- Immediately wash your hands.

#### Clean and disinfect

- Clean AND disinfect frequently touched surfaces daily.

#### Monitor your health

- Be alert for symptoms. Watch for fever, cough, shortness of breath, or other symptoms of COVID-19.



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and use the docket number **CP19-14**

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