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Our project newsletter to stakeholders

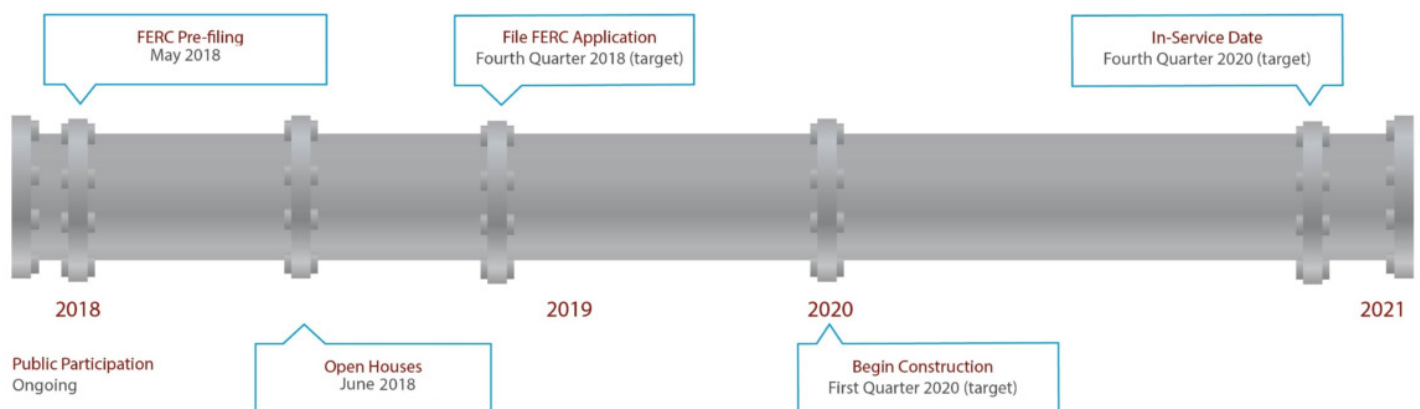
We are pleased to introduce the inaugural newsletter for the MVP Southgate. In an effort to maintain communication with stakeholders throughout the process/project, we plan to issue this newsletter approximately 3-4 times per year. The newsletter will provide an update on where we are in the regulatory process, what stakeholders should expect in terms of next steps, and other relevant information on our project and the natural gas industry.

Tell me about the FERC pre-filing . . .

On May 3, 2018, Mountain Valley Pipeline, LLC (Mountain Valley) submitted its pre-filing request to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) to construct, own, and operate new interstate natural gas pipeline facilities and transport natural gas in interstate commerce. FERC issued docket number PF18-4-000 for the MVP Southgate project.

The pre-filing request letter provided a description of the proposed MVP Southgate project, including maps of the proposed pipeline route, lists of permitting agencies, an overview of the public participation plan, and a proposed schedule of major project milestones. The FERC formally accepted the MVP Southgate project into its pre-filing process on May 15, 2018.

The intent of the pre-filing process is to conduct significant outreach to seek stakeholder input; conduct field surveys to identify cultural resources, wetlands, and endangered species; to address potential constructability issues; and to begin the permit application submission process with other relevant regulatory agencies. All of this work is aimed at resolving issues and submitting a more complete formal application with the FERC, which we intend to do by the end of the year.



Keeping an open dialogue with our landowners and communities

Prior to being accepted by the FERC into the pre-filing process, we have been hard at work talking with local officials, community members, and landowners throughout the three counties in which the proposed route and alternative routes traverse. Our outreach team has been conducting public presentations and meeting with elected officials, tribes, non-governmental groups and other stakeholders since shortly after the project was announced in April. In addition, we appreciate the communities joining us at one or more of our three open houses that we held in June. Our team members welcomed the opportunity to engage with you and to listen to the issues and concerns you have related to the project.

We are currently working to address those issues in our formal filings with the FERC. One of our most recent documents to the FERC included several “alternative” routes that we were able to identify, in part, thanks to the feedback we received during our community open houses. While these alternative routes do not formally change the currently proposed route, they do provide options for further evaluation as we continue to design a route that is environmentally responsible, avoids sensitive areas, protects cultural resources, and minimizes the overall project footprint. These alternative route maps can be found on the MVP Southgate website.

Our team of land agents continues to work with landowners along the proposed route, as well as the alternative routes, to obtain permission for survey access on their properties. To date, we have received permission from 78 percent of landowners. In June, we began surveying properties along the study corridor. Surveying activity continues on parcels within the corridor. These surveys are vital to providing details necessary to finalize a proposed route that results in the least impacts possible to landowners and the environment.

Tell me about ‘scoping meetings’

The next step in the regulatory process is for the FERC to hold an official scoping period and associated meetings. Scoping meetings are hosted by the FERC and are designed to help their staff identify relevant issues for major projects. These meetings also offer another opportunity for landowners and the public to provide detailed comments regarding the project. Scoping is the process of defining and refining the ‘scope’ of an environmental impact statement (EIS) and any alternatives needing investigation.

The FERC scoping meetings are open to the general public and are structured for people to make statements to the FERC staff about the project. In addition, the FERC staff describes the environmental review process, provides relevant information, and answers procedural questions.

The information gathered at scoping meetings helps us prepare environmental mitigation measures for the environmental resource reports required in the Certificate Application. In return, this information provides the FERC staff with the necessary resources to publish a more complete environmental document for public review.

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 PF18-4

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Schedule of upcoming scoping meetings hosted by the FERC

Monday, August 20, 2018

5 – 8 PM

Reidsville Event Center
223 S. Scales Street
Reidsville, NC 27320

Tuesday, August 21, 2018

5 – 8 PM

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

Thursday, August 23, 2018

5 – 8 PM

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

A NOTE FROM THE MVP SOUTHGATE PROJECT TEAM

We want to thank the hundreds of people who attended our open houses this summer to learn more about the MVP Southgate proposal, for asking good questions and for providing us with valuable feedback. We also want to invite you to the upcoming scoping meetings, where staff members from the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission will discuss the regulatory process and answer your questions.

These meetings are part of an extensive process designed to keep the public informed about the need and purpose of the proposed MVP Southgate project, and the rigorous review by state and federal agencies that must take place before the project can be approved for construction.

The MVP Southgate is currently proposed as a 24-inch diameter, 72-mile long interstate natural gas transmission pipeline, and it would be owned by Mountain Valley Pipeline, LLC. Mountain Valley is a joint venture of partner companies that have extensive experience in building and maintaining underground pipeline systems.

As proposed, MVP Southgate would start in Pittsylvania County, Virginia, near the endpoint of the Mountain Valley Pipeline, the 42-inch pipeline originating in northern West Virginia and scheduled for completion in early 2019. MVP Southgate would continue south through Pittsylvania County, crossing the state line and connecting with the existing East Tennessee Natural Gas transmission pipeline and PSNC Energy's system in Rockingham County, before ultimately connecting with PSNC Energy's system at an existing facility southeast of Graham in Alamance County.

We are eager to build this project in order to meet the region's growing demand for natural gas. In fact, we wouldn't be proposing this major infrastructure project if it wasn't needed. Highly-respected energy research organizations and the federal government, among other agencies, organizations and businesses, have recognized demand for natural gas will continue to grow, particularly in this region.

PSNC Energy has signed a long-term agreement for capacity on the MVP Southgate project to meet demand in the Triangle area. For PSNC and its customers, MVP Southgate offers the best-cost option for meeting demand for natural gas and enhancing the reliability of the region's existing natural gas infrastructure systems. Pipelines also are recognized as by far the safest means for transporting fuel, and MVP Southgate would incorporate sophisticated technologies, including remote-monitoring 24 hours per day, to ensure the safe operation of the line.

We have worked diligently to design a route that minimizes impact on landowners and natural resources. As a result, about half of the currently proposed route is co-located along existing pipeline and powerline rights-of-way.

For those areas where we have not been able to co-locate along existing rights-of-way, we continue to conduct research to develop the best route possible. We appreciate the many landowners who've expressed interest in working with us to identify such a route; in fact, as of early August, 78 percent of landowners along the proposed path of the pipeline had granted permission for us to conduct important survey work that helps us to inform route development and adjustments.

We continue to plan for a formal application to the FERC later this year, and we hope to receive a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity in time for construction to begin in early 2020. This would allow for the project to be completed and begin serving customers during winter in late 2020.

On a long-term basis, MVP Southgate will offer significant economic benefits associated with the increased access to natural gas, the preferred fuel source for manufacturers and other commercial and industrial businesses. It also offers potential savings to residential customers; heating a home with natural gas is about half the cost of using propane.

In the near-term, construction of the project also would offer a boost to local and state economies. FTI Consulting, a highly-regarded economic consulting firm, has estimated construction would generate an estimated 670 jobs in Virginia and 1,260 in North Carolina in 2020. The operation of the pipe would also generate significant new property tax revenue to counties along the route, which could be used to fund public services such as education and public safety.

We look forward to seeing you at the upcoming scoping meetings, continuing conversations about the project, and addressing any concerns you may have.

Mountain Valley is committed to contributing to the success of communities along the proposed MVP Southgate project's route, and we are excited about the potential benefits that this new infrastructure line will bring.



The MVP Southgate project is a natural gas pipeline that spans approximately 72 miles from southern Virginia to central North Carolina – and as an interstate pipeline will be regulated by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC). MVP Southgate will be developed, constructed, and owned by Mountain Valley Pipeline, LLC (Mountain Valley).

Mountain Valley is a joint venture of EQT Midstream Partners, LP; NextEra US Gas Assets, LLC; Con Edison Transmission, Inc.; WGL Midstream; and RGC Midstream, LLC. From planning and development, to construction and in-service operation – Mountain Valley is dedicated to the safety of its communities, employees, and contractors, and to the preservation and protection of the environment.

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