



**Atlantic Coast Pipeline  
Public Involvement Plan**

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## Introduction

Atlantic Coast Pipeline, LLC, a joint venture comprised of subsidiaries of Dominion Resources, Duke Energy, Piedmont Natural Gas, and AGL Resources, proposes to construct and operate approximately 554 miles of natural gas transmission pipeline and associated aboveground facilities in West Virginia, Virginia, and North Carolina. This Project, referred to as the Atlantic Coast Pipeline (ACP or Project), will deliver natural gas supplies in West Virginia to growing markets in Virginia and North Carolina. The pipeline will provide a dependable supply of natural gas to support power generation and fuel for residential, commercial, and industrial uses. With a design capacity of 1.5 billion cubic feet per day, the ACP will deliver abundant and diverse supplies of natural gas to energy providers and other companies in the region. Dominion Transmission, Inc. (DTI) will build and operate the ACP on behalf of the joint venture.

The ACP will originate in Harrison County, West Virginia, extend to Greensville County, Virginia, and continue into North Carolina, ending near Pembroke in Robeson County. Two lateral extensions are planned in Virginia: one will run from the Virginia-North Carolina border to Hampton Roads, and the other will be located in Brunswick County. The ACP pipeline will be 42 inches in diameter in West Virginia and Virginia and 36 inches in diameter in North Carolina. The lateral extension to Hampton Roads will be 20 inches in diameter and the lateral in Brunswick County, Virginia will be 16 inches in diameter. The ACP will also include construction of three new, natural gas-fired compressor stations and eight new metering and regulating stations. Pending regulatory approval, the scheduled in-service date for the ACP is late 2018.

## Approach

The most important element of DTI's approach to public involvement is to build *trust* with stakeholders through meaningful dialogue – from the first days of planning to the final days of construction. Fundamental to this approach are principles that will be followed by the Project team and supported by company leadership:

- *Initiative* – We will engage stakeholders early on and look for opportunities to engage and involve stakeholders throughout all phases of the ACP.
- *Respect* – We will treat stakeholders, regardless of their views about the ACP, with seriousness and respect in all dealings.
- *Openness* – We will be direct, straightforward and transparent in our dealings with stakeholders and we will provide them with access to timely, accurate, and complete information about the Project.
- *Accessibility* – We will provide stakeholders with multiple and ongoing opportunities for dialogue.
- *Credibility* – We will say what we mean and mean what we say.
- *Accountability* – We will be accountable for commitments we make to stakeholders and will consider, address and, when feasible, incorporate their views, concerns, and expectations into Project plans.

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A successful public involvement program engages stakeholders in honest, open, and meaningful dialogue early and often throughout the course of a project. The approach outlined in this Public Involvement Plan has been successfully utilized on other FERC-regulated pipeline projects. Key elements to this approach include:

- Identifying all possible stakeholders who could have an interest in the Project.
- Engaging government officials and community leaders early, even before pre-filing begins, to build understanding of the ACP's purpose, need, and benefits.
- Meeting with other interested stakeholders or stakeholder groups so that DTI can better understand issues and demonstrate a commitment to public involvement.
- Engaging landowners and other stakeholders early and throughout the course of the ACP. The Project team will meet with stakeholders to educate them about the Project. In addition, these meetings will direct stakeholders to publicly available Project information, and tell them where to obtain accurate responses to questions and concerns.
- Developing and sharing clear, accurate, and understandable information materials.
- Providing stakeholders with access to the Project team through dedicated contact vehicles that are frequently monitored. Just as important is ensuring that processes are in place to provide prompt and adequate responses. This includes making sure that the Project website is functional and contains content that is current and accurate.
- Gathering and documenting input from stakeholders and reporting responses in various environmental reports and on the Project website.

### **Stakeholder Identification**

A database of stakeholders has been developed and will be updated as additional stakeholders are identified. The list includes the following categories:

- Federal, state, and local public officials (elected and non-elected) and staff;
- Business and civic groups;
- Economic development and planning agencies;
- Emergency responders;
- Homeowner associations; and
- Environmental and other non-governmental organizations.

### **Informational Materials**

Clear, accurate, and understandable informational materials for use with stakeholders during preliminary consultations and at the initial Project Open Houses (see below) were produced. These materials will be updated at Project milestones and supplemented with additional materials to include:

- Project fact sheet;
- Frequently Asked Questions document;

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- Newsletters to be mailed to landowners and other stakeholders;
- Advertisements for Open Houses; and
- Project maps.

### **Project Contact Vehicles**

To give stakeholders easy and convenient access to the Project team, the following contact vehicles will be in place:

- Website: [www.dom.com/ACpipeline](http://www.dom.com/ACpipeline);
- Toll-free number (landowners): 1-888-895-8716;
- Email address: [ACpipeline@dom.com](mailto:ACpipeline@dom.com); and
- U.S. Postal Service address: 701 East Cary St., Richmond, VA 23219

The contact vehicles will be monitored regularly and response protocols will be developed to ensure all inquiries are tracked for reporting purposes and that responses are made within 48 hours from Monday through Friday.

### **Single Point of Contact**

DTI has identified a single point of contact for stakeholders and landowners: Carole McCoy, Director, Engineering Services.

### **Stakeholder Outreach**

In May and June of 2014, DTI contacted federal, state, and county elected officials prior to sending landowner survey notification letters in June. Additional outreach began in August 2014 as DTI staff scheduled presentations and meetings with elected officials and county boards along the route. The primary purpose of these meetings was to share information, answer questions and, most importantly, listen to these stakeholders for issues and concerns to be addressed in Project communications and additional outreach activities. These meetings also helped DTI to identify new stakeholders to include in outreach activities, an important step in developing relationships with new stakeholders and building on existing ones. Going forward, and to the extent practicable, these and future meetings with stakeholders will ensure that stakeholders learn about important Project developments from DTI. As applicable, information obtained from stakeholder meetings will be documented and included in relevant regulatory reports.

### **Open Houses**

DTI hosted 13 informational Open Houses over a two-week period between September 15 and 25, 2014. The Open Houses provided DTI the opportunity to introduce the ACP and the Project team to landowners and stakeholders. The Open Houses, along with the presentations to county boards, were the first step in DTI's commitment to communicating and working with landowners and stakeholders to identify and develop a route with the fewest potential environmental impacts and which reflects the input of landowners and the communities it crosses, where feasible.

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The informational Open Houses were held on weekdays from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. The following disciplines were represented on each Open House team:

- Project Management;
- Operations;
- Environment;
- Engineering/Construction;
- Regulatory;
- Safety;
- Right-of-Way (Management and Agents);
- Public Affairs; and
- Government Affairs.

The informational Open Houses were held in the following locations:

- Buckhannon, Upshur County, WV
- Durbin, Pocahontas County, WV
- Monterey, Highland County, VA
- Fishersville, Augusta County, VA
- Lovingson, Nelson County, VA
- Buckingham, Buckingham County, VA
- Fayetteville, Cumberland County, NC
- Lawrenceville, Brunswick County, VA
- City of Franklin, (adjacent to Southampton County), VA
- Weldon, Halifax County, NC
- Nashville, Nash County, NC
- Smithfield, Johnston County, NC
- Pembroke, Robeson County, NC

The format for the Open Houses was informal. Attendees could come and go to view maps and displays, obtain information, meet with the Project team, and offer input. Comments and other input from attendees were documented. This information will be included in relevant regulatory reports, as applicable.

A second round of Open Houses is tentatively planned for January 2015 during the pre-filing period.

### **Regulatory Support**

DTI has or will produce the following documents to support regulatory processes prior to and during the pre-filing process:

- This Public Involvement Plan.
- Agency and stakeholder consultation tables and mailing lists.
- A list of libraries in communities along the pipeline routes.
- A pre-filing notification letter and Open House invitation to landowners and stakeholders.

- A publication notice of FERC's acceptance of the pre-filing request.

### **Ongoing Stakeholder Outreach**

Throughout the Project, DTI will conduct proactive outreach with all interested stakeholders, including landowners, media, elected officials, community leaders, and other identified stakeholders.

### **Documentation**

DTI has established a database and tracking system to ensure that stakeholder contacts and issues are documented and addressed timely and accurately.

### **Responses to Requests from Federal and State Permitting Agencies**

DTI has conducted (or will conduct) consultation meetings with federal and state agencies with regulatory jurisdiction over the ACP. DTI will respond to requests for information from these agencies as data is or becomes available, and will provide the most up-to-date and comprehensive information in a timely manner. DTI will coordinate with agencies to ensure that information is consistently shared with different agencies, and will advise agencies when key Project documents, such as draft Resource Reports, are posted under the Project docket in the FERC's eLibrary system. Additionally, and when appropriate, DTI will schedule multi-agency meetings for agencies with common regulatory or resource interests.