

The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) determines whether a proposed interstate natural gas pipeline project is considered a public need and in the public's best interest. Dominion, on behalf of Atlantic Coast Pipeline, LLC, has requested and received authorization to use the FERC's pre-filing process. This process allows multiple opportunities for stakeholders to learn about the project and provide input. It is a collaborative process among landowners, government agencies, other interested stakeholders and the FERC to identify and address concerns and issues related to the project before the application is filed.

During the pre-filing process, there are two significant opportunities, among many, for the public, landowners and agencies to review materials and provide feedback on the ACP: Informational Open Houses and Scoping Meetings. In addition, the FERC accepts written or eComments at any time during the pre-filing phase.

Public Input

Informational Open Houses: January 2015

The first opportunity for public input during the pre-filing process is a series of open houses hosted by Dominion along the proposed project route. FERC staff attends and participates in these events. The open houses are designed to update the public on important project information including:

- Project need
- Proposed study corridor and corresponding maps
- Regulatory process and permit requirements
- Environmental surveys
- Pipeline design, easements, construction, operations and safety
- Project schedule

Additionally, the project team solicits input from the public about local issues and concerns. The meeting format is a series of poster stations staffed with engineers, environmental specialists and subject matter experts. This meeting format was used during the initial round of informational open houses held in September 2014.

Scoping Period: Potentially beginning February 2015

A second opportunity for public input is during the formal FERC scoping period (a minimum of 30 days). The public can provide input to the FERC throughout the scoping period using the methods below.

U.S. Mail

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC)
888 First Street, NE
Washington, D.C. 20426
Docket #: PF15-6-000

Electronic Submittal

www.ferc.gov/help/how-to/ecomment.asp
Subject line: Docket #: PF15-6-000

Comments may also be provided in person during a series of public "scoping" meetings held in communities along the project route. The purpose of the public scoping meetings is to identify issues that should be evaluated and included in the environmental review that FERC will conduct pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act.

The FERC will send notification, including the dates, times and locations of those meetings to landowners and stakeholders.

The format for the public scoping meetings usually includes a formal presentation by the FERC, followed by a period in which the public may sign up to provide verbal comments. The purpose is for FERC to hear and document comments. All comments are logged by a court reporter.

Comment Tracking

All comments from the Dominion-sponsored open houses, the FERC scoping meetings and written and electronic comments (eComments) submitted to the FERC are recorded and noted by Dominion. Dominion is required to respond to all issues raised during scoping within 14 days of the end of the scoping period. The responses are recorded in a table and submitted to the FERC.

Environmental Resource Reports

During pre-filing, Dominion is required to provide the FERC with draft environmental resource reports as listed below.

1. General project description	Proposed facilities, purpose and need for the project, construction and restoration methods, maps, alignment sheets, plot plans, non-jurisdictional facilities, schedule, landowners, land requirements, permits and authorizations, future expansion, etc.
2. Water use and quality	Groundwater, surface waters, and wetlands. Includes information on aquifers, public and private wells, wellhead protection areas, and springs
3. Fish, wildlife and vegetation	Designated and sensitive fisheries, essential fish habitat, vegetation types, sensitive communities, and special status species
4. Cultural resources	Compliance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act., including consultations, field investigations, and reporting
5. Socioeconomics	Information on population and housing, disadvantaged and minority communities, employment and revenue, and infrastructure and transportation for each county crossed
6. Geological resources	Geomorphologic and geologic conditions, mineral resources, paleontological resources, blasting, hazardous conditions, etc.
7. Soils	Erosion, compaction, rock, poor revegetation potential and other possible characteristics of soils and construction and restoration methods
8. Land use, recreation and aesthetics	Description of and impacts on land uses, recreation and aesthetics
9. Air and noise quality	Air quality and environmental noise and vibration surveys and modeling, review of regulations, climate, etc.
10. Alternatives	Information on alternatives, including major route alternatives and route deviations
11. Reliability and safety	Coordination with local agencies, training for local emergency responders, hazards, service interruptions, etc.
12. Polychlorinated biphenyl (PCB) contamination	Statement of compliance with Environmental Protection Agency standards for replacement, abandonment by removal, or abandonment in place of pipeline facilities determined to have PCBs in excess of 50 ppm in pipeline liquids (this is not expected to be required for the ACP)

These reports collectively provide a project description, route alternatives analyzed, agencies with whom Dominion has consulted, the existing conditions of the resource that may be affected by the project and the proposed measures to avoid, minimize or mitigate adverse impacts of these resources.

Cooperating agencies and public stakeholders will be given the opportunity to comment on these draft resource reports. The FERC also will provide comments on the draft resource reports regarding necessary revisions or required additional information, and will file a summary of its comments in the public record.

Cooperating agencies and stakeholders will be able to review the draft resource reports when Dominion files them with the FERC. They will be posted to the project docket (<http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/elibrary.asp>).

You can sign up for the FERC's eSubscription service (<http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/esubscription.asp>) to be notified by email about project submittals and issuances. Public documents can be downloaded as well. These draft resource reports also will be available on the ACP project website at www.dom.com/acpipeline.

