

Agriculture

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The proposed Atlantic Coast Pipeline would begin in Harrison County, West Virginia, and travel through Greensville County, Virginia into eastern North Carolina. Dominion Energy will build and operate the pipeline on behalf of Atlantic Coast Pipeline, LLC, a company formed by four major U.S. energy companies—Dominion Energy, Duke Energy, Piedmont Natural Gas and Southern Company Gas (the parent company of Virginia Natural Gas).

Dominion Energy operates one of the largest underground natural gas storage systems in the United States, maintaining nearly 15,000 miles of natural gas pipeline and serving more than 6 million utility and retail energy customers.

Those pipelines cross various types of land, including agricultural land.

Working with Landowners

At Dominion Energy, we recognize the importance and value of this land to all landowners and to the livelihoods of farmers and ranchers. We want to develop solid, lasting relationships with landowners and understand that no one knows more about the land than the people who work it every day.

We work hard to ensure that route development and pipeline construction and restoration minimize losses and return the land to production as quickly as possible.

Owners of agricultural land on the ACP route will be fairly compensated for any financial impacts associated with the project, including:

- Loss of crop income during construction and until the land is restored to productive value
- Damages caused by construction
- Permanent easement for the underground pipeline
- Temporary construction workspace
- Access roads

Dominion is committed to working with all landowners to address concerns and develop appropriate solutions.

Loss of Crop Income

Dominion consults with local independent, third-party agricultural specialists to provide technical assistance to land and construction teams.

Other Damages

Culverts, drain tiles or fences damaged during pipeline construction will be properly restored or replaced.

Dominion will pay 100 percent of the reasonable amount of actual damages. Damaged culverts, drain tiles or fences will be replaced or restored as nearly as possible to pre-construction conditions or better.

Certified Organic Farms

Prior to construction, Dominion will work with landowners to identify the locations of certified organic farms and develop site-specific plans to avoid the potential for decertification due to construction activities.

Livestock Management

Dominion will work with landowners to address the issues of temporary fencing, relocation of livestock and access to pasture, feed and water.

Access to Cropland

During construction, Dominion will accommodate landowner access for planting, crop management and harvesting.



Permanent Easement

Dominion will seek to obtain a permanent easement from landowners along the route. The easement grants Dominion the right to install, operate and maintain a pipeline on the landowner's property while the landowner retains ownership of the land. Landowners receive a one-time compensation for the easement.

Deep-rooted vegetation, such as trees, are not allowed within the permanent easement because their root system could damage the pipeline or its coating and because they can hinder aerial inspection of the pipeline. Structures, wells and the addition or removal of soil also are not permitted within the easement.

Temporary Workspace

The temporary workspace is adjacent to the permanent easement. Landowners will be compensated for the use of additional temporary work space. Following construction and restoration, the temporary workspace will have no use restrictions.

Restoration

When construction is complete, the permanent easement and the temporary workspace will be restored as closely as possible to pre-construction condition.

Topsoil Protection/Restoration

Topsoil within the right of way is segregated and stored safely away from the construction zone. Compaction of exposed subsoil is mitigated and the subsoil surface smoothed prior to replacement of the topsoil. When the topsoil is replaced, the right of way is brought to grade in preparation for planting.

Depth of Cover

Dominion will ensure that the pipeline is buried below plow zones. In most cases, the depth of cover in agricultural areas will be four feet, but may be adjusted for site-specific conditions or practices.

Landowner Resources

The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) is the lead agency responsible for environmental review and approval of the project. The FERC has developed a pamphlet entitled, *An Interstate Natural Gas Pipeline on My Land? What do I need to Know?* The pamphlet is available:

- Online: www.ferc.gov
- By calling: 866-208-3372

For More Information

Contact the FERC:

- Via U.S. Mail at: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission 888 First Street, NE Washington, D.C. 20426 (Reference Docket #: CP15-554)
- Via electronic submittal at: <u>www.ferc.gov/help/how-to/ecomment.asp</u>: (Subject line: Docket #: CP15-554)

Contact the ACP project team:

- Visit the ACP website at: <u>www.atlanticcoastpipeline.com</u>
- Visit ACP on Facebook at: Atlantic Coast Pipeline
- Call the landowner toll-free number: 888-895-8716
- Call the general inquiry toll-free number: 844-215-1819
- Email: <u>ACpipeline@dominionenergy.com</u>

