

Project Update NOVEMBER 2017

### FROM THE PROJECT DIRECTOR

• n Friday, October 13, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) issued the long-awaited *Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity* for the Atlantic Coast Pipeline, which authorizes the construction and operation of the project. See more in the Regulatory Update on page 4.

While working our way through the remaining permits needed for the project, we are actively preparing for construction. Safety on and off the construction site is now and has always been our number one priority. The ACP construction theme: *Home Safe for Everyone*, is the topic of our Safety Focus on page 3.

The ACP will be built in phases beginning with tree felling in some areas later this year. See the FAQ on page 3 for additional information about tree felling. In the spring of 2018, we will begin major construction on several pipeline sections and the compressor stations. Later in 2018 additional tree felling will occur. Construction of the remaining sections of the pipeline will begin in the spring of 2019.

You can learn more about all aspects of the construction activity during two rounds of Construction Open Houses. The first round will be held in January 2018 near communities affected by the 2018 construction season. The second round will be held in the fall of 2018 to coincide with areas under construction in 2019. Additional information and notification will be shared as details for these events are finalized.

Finally, we hope you enjoy meeting our featured landowner, Ward Burton on page 2. Ward and his Wildlife Foundation own and manage more than 4,000 acres of land with an eye toward developing and sustaining diverse wildlife habitats. As with many landowners, we worked closely with Ward to determine the best route across his property with the least impact to the natural resources in his care.

We hope you will find this information useful and we encourage you to reach out to us anytime with your questions. Thank you for your continued interest in the ACP.

Sincerely,

Brian Wright, Authorized Representative Dominion Energy Transmission, Inc.

ΑCTIVITY	TIMING
FERC Certificate	October 2017
Construction Open Houses	2018
Construction	2017 – 2019
In-Service	Late 2019

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### From Our Home to Yours

## Atlantic Coast Pipeline Project Team

### LANDOWNER INFORMATION LINE • 888-895-8716

- Contact your Land Agent
- Report a land compliment or concern
- Ask a land question

### GENERAL INFORMATION LINE • 844-215-1819

- Contact the ACP Project Team
- Contact your Community Liaison

#### EMAIL

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# Landowner Profile: Giving the Land a Voice

irginia native and 2002 Daytona 500 winner, Ward Burton has spent a lifetime developing a deep appreciation for natural spaces. He has devoted himself and the Foundation that bears his name to the mission of *building diversity in habitats for all wildlife species, both today and in the future.* The 4,000+ acre Ward Burton Wildlife Foundation is a living testament to that mission and takes its responsibility for proper land management very seriously. So seriously, in fact, that Ward initially asked the Foundation attorneys to file letters expressly forbidding the Atlantic Coast Pipeline from crossing Foundation property.

Leslie Hartz, Vice President of Pipeline Construction at Dominion Energy states, "Ward invested a tremendous amount of personal effort into the Foundation property and wanted to make sure the resources were protected."

After talking with project team members and learning more about planned restoration efforts, Ward was satisfied that the team is seeking ways to minimize adverse effects of the ACP. Ward was pleasantly surprised, for example, to learn about ACP's **Pollinator Habitat Initiative** and has since enrolled two of his Foundation's parcels crossed by the pipeline. Ward said, "As a lifelong conservationist, I couldn't be more excited to participate in this program. Not only will it be beneficial for the pollinators, but it's also going to create new habitats for other wildlife like quail, turkey and songbirds. I see this as a really creative way to not just restore the right of way, but actually enhance its environmental value beyond what it was when we started."

See more information about the **Pollinator Habitat Initiative** and a video featuring Ward on the ACP website at **www.atlanticcoastpipeline.com**.

Visit the Ward Burton Wildlife Foundation at **www.twbwf.org.** 

"All land should have a voice, and all landowners have a responsibility to give their land a voice."

Ward Burton

WARD BURTON Landowner and Conservationist The Ward Burton Foundation

# SAFETY FOCUS Home Safe for Everyone

**S** afety is our number one priority. We are 100 percent committed to building the ACP safely, in a way that is protective of our environment and the communities we



serve while maintaining the highest quality standards.

We will reinforce this commitment throughout ACP construction and restoration. To start, we've provided a magnet that includes project contact information on the front of this newsletter. We invite you to contact us

to ask questions, and share concerns and compliments as we move forward on the ACP.

Prior to construction, all project team members, vendors, suppliers and contractors will receive extensive safety training before ever entering an ACP workspace. As we move closer to construction and beyond, we will "Even if we complete construction on time and on budget, we have failed if we have compromised the safety of our crews, the environment we share, or the communities we serve."

> Brian Wright, ACP Project Manager

meet with school, community, recreational and other interested groups to discuss our commitment to safety and gather feedback about our safety practices.

A commitment to safety is expected from all project team members, at all times and is our standard of operation on the construction site, out in the community, and everywhere in between.

## Home Safe for Everyone = Every home is safe, and everyone makes it safely home.

# **FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS**

### What is tree felling?

ow that FERC has issued a *Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity* for ACP, the project team will begin preparing the approved right of way for pipeline construction. In forested areas, tree felling is the first step in this process. Survey crews carefully stake the right of way to define the approved construction workspace. The tree-felling crew will hand cut trees within the approved space.

Tree felling will begin as soon as contractors and crews can be deployed and continue until migratory bird restrictions take effect in March 2018. Landowners will be notified prior to tree felling activities taking place on their property.

Landowner agreements and site-specific conditions will determine how the felled trees are managed. The tree-felling crews will have specific instructions for each parcel that is crossed. If you have questions about how the trees will be managed on your parcel, contact your land agent, or call the Landowner Information Line at 888-895-8716.





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# **Regulatory Update**

## After the Certificate

n Friday, October 13, FERC issued a *Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity*, which authorizes the construction and operation of the project. The Certificate includes terms and conditions for approval of the project, including specific construction and environmental protection measures required.

On Tuesday, October 17, the ACP project team filed an Implementation Plan that outlines how the team will satisfy the conditions included in the Certificate. If the mitigation measures contained in the Implementation Plan are approved, FERC will issue a *Notice to Proceed*  with Construction Activities and construction can begin. The ACP project team will file weekly status reports with FERC until construction is complete. The weekly reports document project construction status, the results of project inspections, and actions taken to comply with Certificate conditions.

While the FERC Certificate conveys approval of the project, we continue to work closely with other federal agencies, as well as state and local regulators, to complete all necessary permitting actions.

About Atlantic Coast Pipeline, LLC. Atlantic is a company formed by four major U.S. energy companies — Dominion Energy (NYSE: D), Duke Energy (NYSE: DUK), Piedmont Natural Gas (NYSE: PNY), Southern Company Gas (NYSE: SO) — to build and own the ACP. Through access to multiple supply basins, ACP would be capable of delivering 1.5 million dekatherms (equivalent to 1.5 billion cubic feet per day) of natural gas. The abundant supply of natural gas that would flow safely and reliably through this pipeline is needed by utilities within the project area to generate electricity, heat homes and businesses, and meet a growing domestic demand for energy.