



ABRA Update #21 – March 25, 2015

Dominion Opposes Extension of ACP Scoping Period

Dominion Transmission Inc. (DTI) filed comments with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) on March 23 opposing any extension of the scoping period for the Atlantic Coast Pipeline. DTI stated that “extending the public comment period could potentially delay Commission action in these proceedings. Any such extension would have adverse effects on DTI and Atlantic.” In response to those who have asked FERC to extend the comment period because of recently announced alternative routes, DTI said:

“The majority of the proposed alternative routes have been a matter of public record since that time. Atlantic also proposed four new alternative routes in February 2015. Notice of the initiation of the scoping process was sent to all affected landowners, including those who may be impacted by the new alternative routes. Ten scoping meetings are being conducted, including the area along the alternative routes. Accordingly, affected landowners, including those along the alternative routes, will have the same opportunity to review the route, participate in the public scoping meetings, and submit comments within the scoping period proposed in the Notice.”

A copy of the DTI filing with FERC is available on the ABRA website and can also be accessed at http://elibrary.ferc.gov/idmws/file_list.asp?accession_num=20150323-5204.

Forest Service releases Decision Memo on allowing ACP Survey

The Supervisor of the George Washington National Forest, H. Thomas Speaks, Jr., has released his Decision Memo on permitting surveying on Forest lands for the proposed Atlantic Coast Pipeline. The Memo explains the parameters of the permission to survey. It is available at: http://www.fs.usda.gov/Internet/FSE_DOCUMENTS/stelprd3832124.pdf and on the ABRA website.

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