



## **ABRA Update #10 – January 5, 2015**

### **ACP Open Houses Begin This Week**

A series of 11 open houses for the Atlantic Coast Pipeline will be held this month, beginning Tuesday, January 5 in Fayetteville, NC. The complete schedule, published in the ABRA Update #6 on November 23, accompanies the email transmitting this Update. The open houses, which are required by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission as part of the pre-filing process, will be similar to those held last September (e.g. farmer's market format), but FERC representatives are expected to be present at all of them.

**Action request:** ABRA members are urged to have their respective organization members and supporters turn out in force for these events. We wish to compile an overview of the open houses and make it available to all ABRA members. Please submit an email report on your experiences and observations to ABRA's Communications and Research Coordinator, Dan Shaffer ([dshaffer@abralliance.org](mailto:dshaffer@abralliance.org)). The report, which will be finalized and sent to you by mid-February, will respect your confidentiality. Multiple reports from the same open house are welcome.

### **GW Forest Service comments due January 9**

Comments to the George Washington National Forest (GWNF) on the ACP's request to survey for the pipeline are due this coming Friday, January 9 (info previously sent in December 12 email). ABRA has requested an extension of the deadline given that some key GWNF staff were unavailable for questions during the holidays. A copy of the letter requesting a two-week extension accompanies this Update.

**Action request:** All ABRA members are urged to write the GWNF to request that the ACP not be permitted to survey. Please do so by January 9; should the deadline be extended, we will advise you ASAP by email. Comments should be sent as follows:

Email: [comments-southern-georgewashington-jefferson@fs.fed.us](mailto:comments-southern-georgewashington-jefferson@fs.fed.us)

FAX: (540) 265- 5145

Mail: USDA Forest Service, Atlantic Pipeline Survey Comments, 5162 Valleypointe Parkway, Roanoke, VA 24019

Comments must be received by 4:30 pm, Friday, January 9, 2015.

The GWNF announcement for comments and the ACP request to survey is available at <http://www.fs.usda.gov/detail/gwj/home/?cid=stelprd3824603>.

ABRA member Wild Virginia has provided some excellent bullet points that it is using in drafting its comments. A copy is attached to the email.

## **In the News . . .**

**Marcellus production alters flow of gas pipelines to Northeast** – Utility Dive, 12-18-14  
<http://www.utilitydive.com/news/marcellus-production-alters-flow-of-gas-pipelines-to-northeast/345386/>

**Natural gas pipeline draft reports filed** – Daily Herald, Roanoke Rapids, NC, 12-18-14  
[http://www.rrdailyherald.com/news/natural-gas-pipeline-draft-reports-filed/article\\_e21bc2cc-86e2-11e4-80ca-fb1f5d0666f7.html](http://www.rrdailyherald.com/news/natural-gas-pipeline-draft-reports-filed/article_e21bc2cc-86e2-11e4-80ca-fb1f5d0666f7.html)

**Alternate pipeline route passes Marlinton, Edray, Slaty Fork** –

Mountain Messenger, Lewisburg, WV, 12-19-14

<http://mountainmessenger.com/alternate-pipeline-route-passes-marlinton-edray-slaty-fork/>

**Feds approve another pipeline expansion to accommodate Marcellus Shale** –

State Impact Pennsylvania, 12-19-14

<http://www.wcax.com/story/27670813/vermont-gas-announces-40-cost-increase-for-gas-pipeline>

**Vermont Gas announces 40% cost increase for gas pipeline** –

WCAX-TV, Burlington, VT, 12-19-14

<http://www.wcax.com/story/27670813/vermont-gas-announces-40-cost-increase-for-gas-pipeline>

**Dominion sues pipeline survey-resistant landowners** – Daily Progress, 12-23-14

[http://www.dailyprogress.com/news/local/dominion-sues-pipeline-survey-resistant-landowners/article\\_a01e55fe-8bod-11e4-830f-f7a6295301d4.html](http://www.dailyprogress.com/news/local/dominion-sues-pipeline-survey-resistant-landowners/article_a01e55fe-8bod-11e4-830f-f7a6295301d4.html)

**New modernization policy for natural gas pipelines could impact investors and consumers** – Energy Biz, 12-23-14

<http://www.energybiz.com/article/14/12/new-modernization-policy-natural-gas-pipelines-could-impact-investors-and-consumers>

**Groups seek plan to study pipeline** – Lynchburg News & Advance, 12-26-14

[http://www.newsadvance.com/news/local/groups-seek-plan-to-study-pipeline/article\\_d39216de-8cfa-11e4-83b5-3baf22f304ce.html](http://www.newsadvance.com/news/local/groups-seek-plan-to-study-pipeline/article_d39216de-8cfa-11e4-83b5-3baf22f304ce.html)

**Natural Gas Drops Below \$3 for First Time Since 2012** – Bloomberg, 12-26-14

<http://www.bloomberg.com/news/2014-12-26/natural-gas-futures-drop-below-3-for-first-time-since-2012.html>

**Did Dominion's Dividends Just Get a Decades-Long Shot in the Arm?** –

Motley Fool, 12-28-14 -

<http://www.fool.com/investing/general/2014/12/28/did-dominions-dividends-just-get-a-decades-long-sh.aspx>

**Natural gas drop is 'double whammy' with oil's fall** – Houston Chronicle, 12-27-14

<http://www.houstonchronicle.com/business/energy/article/Natural-gas-drop-double-whammy-with-oil-s-fall-5980303.php>

**Augusta Supervisors: Proposed Gas Pipeline Path too Close to Schools** –

WVIR-TV, Charlottesville, 12-27-14

<http://www.nbc29.com/story/27712134/augusta-supervisors-planned-gas-pipelines-path-too-close-to-schools>

**Friends of Nelson to Raise Money for Pipeline Impact Study** –

WVIR-TV, Charlottesville, 12-27-14

<http://www.nbc29.com/story/27715318/friends-of-nelson-to-raise-money-for-pipeline-impact-study>

**'Rehearing' sought in prelude to lawsuit** – Albany Times-Union, 12-30-14

<http://www.timesunion.com/business/article/Pipeline-foes-seek-rehearing-5986073.php>

**Farmer sued for digging violation over natural gas pipeline**

– WFC Courier, Waterloo, IA, 12-30-14

[http://wfcourier.com/news/local/govt-and-politics/franklin-county-farmer-sued-for-digging-violation/article\\_158d376c-3ad3-5afd-bff0-c4f0921f370d.html](http://wfcourier.com/news/local/govt-and-politics/franklin-county-farmer-sued-for-digging-violation/article_158d376c-3ad3-5afd-bff0-c4f0921f370d.html)

**New pipelines aren't good energy policy** – The Daily Record (NJ), 12-31-14

<http://www.dailyrecord.com/story/opinion/editorials/2014/12/31/editorial-new-pipelines-good-energy-policy/21116707/>

(Note: This editorial is about a proposed oil pipeline, but it is relevant to our concerns about the ACP.)

**Committed to fight against PennEast pipeline** – Hopewell Valley News (NJ), 12-31-14

[http://www.centraljersey.com/articles/2014/12/31/hopewell\\_valley\\_news/your\\_views/doc54a4300f2067c062358839.txt](http://www.centraljersey.com/articles/2014/12/31/hopewell_valley_news/your_views/doc54a4300f2067c062358839.txt)

**Pipeline of prosperity not all it seems** – Sanford (NC) Herald, 1-1-15

<http://www.sanfordherald.com/opinion/editorial/x1351407549/EDITORIAL-Pipeline-of-prosperity-not-all-it-seems>

**Dominion seeks support from outside Augusta** – News-Leader, 1-1-15

<http://www.newsleader.com/story/news/local/2015/01/01/dominion-seeks-support-outside-augusta/21166533/>

**Gas pipeline faces mountain of opposition in western Virginia**

– Richmond Times-Dispatch, 1-3-15

[http://www.richmond.com/news/virginia/article\\_2f830d85-f1ac-5e77-95e6-c25dafd66699.html](http://www.richmond.com/news/virginia/article_2f830d85-f1ac-5e77-95e6-c25dafd66699.html)

**Augusta, Nelson county residents won't back down over Atlantic Coast Pipeline**

– Roanoke Times, 1-4-15

[http://www.roanoke.com/news/virginia/augusta-nelson-county-residents-won-t-back-down-over-atlantic/article\\_483cc157-2633-5136-9685-84eb71824868.html](http://www.roanoke.com/news/virginia/augusta-nelson-county-residents-won-t-back-down-over-atlantic/article_483cc157-2633-5136-9685-84eb71824868.html)