



## **ABRA Update #12 – January 22, 2015**

### **Dominion Initiates Monongahela National Forest Survey Process**

Monongahela National Forest (MON) announced on January 14 it will accept public comments on the Atlantic Coast Pipeline's request to survey in the MON. Forest Supervisor Clyde Thompson's scoping letter sets February 13 as a deadline for public comments and provides other salient information on how and where to file comments.

([http://a123.g.akamai.net/7/123/11558/abc123/forestservic.download.akamai.com/11558/www/nepa/100416\\_FSPLT3\\_2417803.pdf](http://a123.g.akamai.net/7/123/11558/abc123/forestservic.download.akamai.com/11558/www/nepa/100416_FSPLT3_2417803.pdf)) The request to survey has been pending with the Supervisor since September 30. A copy of the application and associated documents are available at:

[http://www.fs.usda.gov/wps/portal/fsinternet!/ut/p/c5/04\\_SB8K8xLLM9MSSzPy8xBz9CP00s3gDfxMDT8MwRydLA1cj72BTUwMTAwgAykeaxRtBe](http://www.fs.usda.gov/wps/portal/fsinternet!/ut/p/c5/04_SB8K8xLLM9MSSzPy8xBz9CP00s3gDfxMDT8MwRydLA1cj72BTUwMTAwgAykeaxRtBe).

### **ACP Open Houses Conclude**

Dominion held the last of 11 open houses, as required by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, this evening in Weston, WV (Lewis County). Participation in the other open houses for which we have preliminary information was generally strong. There are some media reports covering some of the open houses in the news items listed below.

ABRA plans to compile an overview report of the open houses based on individual reports from member organization representatives, as announced in an earlier Update. Please send your emailed report to Dan Shaffer ABRA Communications and Research Coordinator at [dshaffer@abralliance.org](mailto:dshaffer@abralliance.org). Include your overall impressions as well as relevant anecdotes of conversations you had or heard. Your emails will be kept confidential, so feel free to be candid. We hope to issue the overview report next month, so please submit your email to Dan ASAP.

### **ABRA-wide Meeting on March 7 in Staunton**

We announced several weeks ago that ABRA will hold a meeting for representatives of all member organizations on Saturday, March 7 at the Staunton Public Library. The session will convene at 10 am and conclude by 3 pm. There are 3 major objectives for the meeting:

1. Provide an opportunity for ABRA member organizations to meet one another to enrich their working relationships.
2. Review the key issues surrounding the Atlantic Coast Pipeline, critique the adequacy of current strategies being pursued and develop as necessary new strategies.
3. Assess the objectives and organization of ABRA and consider proposals to improve its effectiveness.

There will be some panel presentations, but most of the meeting will be working sessions, with ample opportunity for discussion among attendees. Registration information and a tentative agenda will be sent to you around February 1. Each organization will be invited to send at least 2 representatives (more if space permits). There will be a \$10 per person charge for beverages and lunch (cash or checks only, paid at the event). Mark your calendars. Your organization's active participation is strongly encouraged.

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

**Bell seeks transparency in eminent domain** – Staunton News-Leader, 1/13/15

<http://www.newsleader.com/story/news/local/2015/01/13/bell-seeks-transparency-eminant-domain/21726967/>

**Dominion Resources price target raised at J.P. Morgan Chase** – Ticker Report, 1/12/15

[http://tickerreport.com/banking-finance/384740/dominion-resou\\_Akrrees-price-target-raised-to-80-00-at-jpmorgan-chase-co/](http://tickerreport.com/banking-finance/384740/dominion-resou_Akrrees-price-target-raised-to-80-00-at-jpmorgan-chase-co/)

**Pipeline shifts south** – Roanoke-Chowan News-Herald, 1/13/15

<http://www.roanoke-chowannewsheald.com/2015/01/13/pipeline-shifts-south/>

**How electricity demand is pushing Massachusetts to expand gas pipelines**

– Utility Dive, 1/14/15

<http://www.utilitydive.com/news/how-electricity-demand-is-pushing-massachusetts-to-expand-gas-pipelines/350345/>

**Consumer model for gas pipeline development would save billions**

– The Republican (Springfield, MA), 1/14/15

[http://www.masslive.com/opinion/index.ssf/2015/01/consumer\\_model\\_for\\_gas\\_pipelin.html](http://www.masslive.com/opinion/index.ssf/2015/01/consumer_model_for_gas_pipelin.html)

**Dominion hosts public pipeline discussion with FERC in Nelson Co.**

– NBC29 (Charlottesville), 1/14/15

<http://www.nbc29.com/story/27854065/dominion-hosts-public-pipeline-discussion-with-ferc-in-nelson-co>

**Transco has record natural gas shipments due to East Coast cold**

– Akron Beacon-Journal, 1/15/15

<http://www.ohio.com/blogs/drilling/ohio-utica-shale-1.291290/east-coast-cold-triggers-record-transco-natural-gas-shipments-1.558727>

**Dominion Resources drops lawsuits against 14 Nelson County landowners**

– WDBJ7 (Roanoke), 1/16/15

<http://www.wdbj7.com/news/local/dominion-resources-drops-lawsuits-against-14-nelson-county-landowners/30761284>

**Potential Pipeline Projects Fuel Debate** – WDTV5 News (Bridgeport, WV), 1/17/15

<http://www.wdtv.com/wdtv.cfm?func=view&section=5-News&item=Potential-Pipeline-Projects-Fuel-Debate-20660>

**Dominion pipeline threatens historical sites, landowners say** – Roanoke Times, 1/17/15

[http://www.roanoke.com/news/virginia/dominion-pipeline-threatens-historical-sites-landowners-say/article\\_e4b1f4fb-de8d-541f-bcee-788fc9757b9c.html](http://www.roanoke.com/news/virginia/dominion-pipeline-threatens-historical-sites-landowners-say/article_e4b1f4fb-de8d-541f-bcee-788fc9757b9c.html)

**Groups opposed to natural gas pipeline projects hold meeting in Lewis County**

– Metro News (Charleston, WV), 1/17/15

<http://www.metronews.com/2015/01/17/groups-opposed-to-natural-gas-pipeline-projects-hold-informational-meeting-in-lewis-county/>

**Falling prices may halt shale rush** – The Intelligencer, Wheeling News-Register, 1/18/15

<http://www.theintelligencer.net/page/content.detail/id/622772/Falling-Prices-May-Halt-Shale-Ru---.html>

**West Virginia, Ohio energy firms slashing budgets**

The Intelligencer, Wheeling News-Register, 1/18/15

<http://www.theintelligencer.net/page/content.detail/id/623103/West-Virginia--Ohio-Energy-Firms---.html>

**Beyond the pipelines: gas goes global through LNG, but not without risk**

– The Conversation, 1/20/15

<http://theconversation.com/beyond-the-pipelines-gas-goes-global-through-lng-but-not-without-risk-35979>

**Pipeline could offer Franklin County access to natural gas — if conditions are right**

– Roanoke Times, 1/20/15

[http://www.godanriver.com/work\\_it\\_sova/news/pipeline-could-offer-franklin-county-access-to-natural-gas-if/article\\_83356128-228a-5698-a52c-777f27583bd4.html](http://www.godanriver.com/work_it_sova/news/pipeline-could-offer-franklin-county-access-to-natural-gas-if/article_83356128-228a-5698-a52c-777f27583bd4.html)

**White House issues veto threat for bill on gas pipelines** – Reuters, 1/20/15

<http://www.reuters.com/article/2015/01/20/usa-gas-veto-idUSL1NoUZ1X720150120>

**The fundamental right to private property** – Roanoke Times, 1/20/15

[http://www.roanoke.com/opinion/editorials/our-view-the-fundamental-right-to-private-property/article\\_5c390cfb-9cfb-525a-bbc0-5a6ce85a1789.html](http://www.roanoke.com/opinion/editorials/our-view-the-fundamental-right-to-private-property/article_5c390cfb-9cfb-525a-bbc0-5a6ce85a1789.html)

**House votes to speed natural gas pipelines** – The Hill, 1/21/15

<http://thehill.com/blogs/floor-action/house/230303-house-passes-bill-to-speed-natural-gas-pipeline-approval>

**Pipelines prompt discussion of property rights law** – Roanoke Times, 1/21/15

[http://www.roanoke.com/news/virginia/controversy-over-natural-gas-pipeline-proposals-leads-to-legislation/article\\_fd2bb778-9537-5232-8094-04ce0c1d9b6e.html](http://www.roanoke.com/news/virginia/controversy-over-natural-gas-pipeline-proposals-leads-to-legislation/article_fd2bb778-9537-5232-8094-04ce0c1d9b6e.html)

**Owner of historic Wingina property is epitome of pipeline opposition**

– Nelson County Times, 1/21/15

[http://www.newsadvance.com/nelson\\_county\\_times/news/owner-of-historic-wingina-property-is-epitome-of-pipeline-opposition/article\\_1d165b8e-a1b5-11e4-af04-8750d4e07378.html](http://www.newsadvance.com/nelson_county_times/news/owner-of-historic-wingina-property-is-epitome-of-pipeline-opposition/article_1d165b8e-a1b5-11e4-af04-8750d4e07378.html)

**Dominion consultant discusses karst topography** Allegheny Mountain Radio, 1/21/15

<http://www.alleghenymountainradio.org/dominion-consultant-discusses-karst-topography/>

**Interview with Kevin Bowman of FERC** – Allegheny Mountain Radio, 1/21/15

<http://www.alleghenymountainradio.org/dominion-consultant-discusses-karst-topography/>

**Environmental costs of pipelines are real costs** – Roanoke Times, 1/22/15

[http://www.roanoke.com/opinion/johnson-environmental-costs-are-real-costs/article\\_e6232a80-339c-5bc1-bc52-55b02b830fcc.html](http://www.roanoke.com/opinion/johnson-environmental-costs-are-real-costs/article_e6232a80-339c-5bc1-bc52-55b02b830fcc.html)

**Industry, environmentalists coexist at concurrent Atlantic Coast Pipeline meetings**

– State Journal (WV), 1/22/15

<http://www.statejournal.com/story/27916192/industry-environmentalists-coexist-at-concurrent-atlantic-coast-pipeline-meetings>