



## **ABRA Update #3 – November 1, 2014**

### **Dominion Asks FERC To Begin Environmental Review Of Atlantic Coast Pipeline**

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RICHMOND – Energy provider Dominion Resources Inc. is asking federal regulators to begin its environmental review of a proposed \$5 billion pipeline that would deliver natural gas to the Southeast.

Opponents of the project in the Augusta County area expected the request to be made soon. They are planning a rally against the project Saturday that was organized before Friday's announcement.

The 550-mile Atlantic Coast Pipeline that would run through West Virginia, Virginia and North Carolina is a joint venture between Dominion, Duke Energy, Piedmont Natural Gas and AGL Resources. The corridor would include 43 miles through Augusta County.

Dominion said it took the necessary first step in the extensive Federal Energy Regulatory Commission review process on behalf of its partners Friday.

The project will need the approvals of 40 federal, state and local regulatory agencies before construction can begin.

Those in the area who oppose the project have been in touch with the federal commission for weeks and have posted more than 100 letters of concern on the agency's website, said Nancy Sorrells, one of the leaders of the Augusta County Alliance.

The alliance was formed this summer when Dominion's plans became public. "Today's action by Dominion simply moves our work into a new phase," Sorrells wrote in an email.

The Alliance plans an anti-pipeline rally from 2:30-5 p.m. Saturday in Constitution Park in Waynesboro.

Officials in a number of localities also have endorsed the project but it is finding pockets of opposition along its planned path, including Augusta and Nelson counties.

A copy of Dominion's Pre-filing letter to FERC accompanies this Update. FERC records at [http://elibrary.ferc.gov/idmws/Doc\\_Family.asp?document\\_id=14266266](http://elibrary.ferc.gov/idmws/Doc_Family.asp?document_id=14266266).

Now that Dominion has begun the pre-filing process, it is important that concerned citizens write the FERC to make their views known. Individual letters should be set. Form letters are not given as much weight and should be discouraged. Communications should follow the guidelines set forth by the agency: <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/ecomment.asp>. Those persons wishing to become "interveners" in the proceeding cannot do so during the pre-filing phase as there is no application officially before the Commission. Further details are at: <http://www.ferc.gov/help/how-to/intervene.asp>.

**Virginia Native Plant Society Joins ABRA** – We welcome the VNPS to the Alliance. Information about the organization is at [www.vnps.org](http://www.vnps.org).

**Allegheny Mountain Radio Conducts Pipeline Survey**  
<http://www.alleghenymountainradio.org/atlantic-coast-pipeline-survey/>

**Dominion Receives NC Approval for ACP** – *Pittsburgh Business Journal*, 10-27-14  
[http://www.bizjournals.com/pittsburgh/blog/energy/2014/10/dominion-pipeline-project-secures-permissionfrom.html?utm\\_source=feedburner&utm\\_medium=feed&utm\\_campaign=Feed%3A+bizj\\_national+%28Bizjournals+National+Feed%29](http://www.bizjournals.com/pittsburgh/blog/energy/2014/10/dominion-pipeline-project-secures-permissionfrom.html?utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=feed&utm_campaign=Feed%3A+bizj_national+%28Bizjournals+National+Feed%29)

**Western Marcellus Pipeline** – *Roanoke Times*, 10-30-14  
[http://www.roanoke.com/news/local/western-marcellus-pipeline-is-rd-seeking-passage-through-va/article\\_d6072f0c-900e-5fe6-a26b-081863a8a839.html](http://www.roanoke.com/news/local/western-marcellus-pipeline-is-rd-seeking-passage-through-va/article_d6072f0c-900e-5fe6-a26b-081863a8a839.html)

**Mountain Valley Pipeline Pre-files**  
[http://elibrary.ferc.gov/idmws/doc\\_info.asp?document\\_id=14263968](http://elibrary.ferc.gov/idmws/doc_info.asp?document_id=14263968)

**Dominion Needs to Talk to Gain Trust** – See attached *Staunton News-Leader* editorial

**Staunton City Council Opposes ACP** – See attached resolution

**Dominion Presentation, Barclays Capital CEO Energy-Power Conference** – attached

**Dominion Policy on Taps** – *Farmville Herald*, 10-28-14, attached.