



ABRA Update #7 – December 2, 2014

ABRA-wide Meeting To Be Held In Early 2015

The Steering Committee of the Allegheny-Blue Ridge Alliance will convene a meeting for all Alliance members in early 2015, after the Dominion open houses have been held. The purpose of the session, the first since ABRA's organizational sessions in July and August, will be to afford attendees the opportunity to get to know other Alliance member representatives, share information in person and hear presentations on current and forthcoming developments related to the Atlantic Coast Pipeline. A planning committee composed of Lew Freeman, (Highlanders for Responsible Development, and ABRA Chairman), Faye Cooper (Cooper Conservation Advisors) and Larry Thomas (West Virginia Highlands Conservancy and West Virginia Environmental Council) will work over the next two weeks to develop a format for the conference and identify a suitable date and location for consideration by the Steering Committee. Specific plans will be announced to ABRA members later this month.

Former Interior Top Official Opposes Atlantic Coast Pipeline

Robert Herbst, former Acting Secretary for the U.S. Department of the Interior, filed comments last week with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission in strong opposition to the Atlantic Coast Pipeline. His letter, a copy of which accompanies this Update, states: "As an expert in the field, I feel that it is my duty to stress that the negative impacts of the Atlantic Coast Pipeline will far outweigh any positive outcomes. . . . In the strongest possible terms I encourage FERC to seriously consider alternative routes for the Dominion Atlantic Coast Pipeline."

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