



## **ABRA Update #9 – December 18 , 2014**

### **ABRA Membership Meeting Scheduled For March 7**

A meeting for representatives of all ABRA members will be convened on Saturday, March 7 at the Public Library in Staunton, VA. The half-day session will convene at 10 am and conclude by 3 pm. The principal objective of the meeting is to develop future strategies in confronting the Atlantic Coast Pipeline, as well as to afford ABRA member representatives an opportunity to strengthen their working relationships with one another.

At least 2 representatives from each of ABRA's 31 members will be allowed to attend the meeting; more persons per organization can attend if some member organizations choose only to send 1 person. There will be a \$10 per person registration fee to cover lunch and beverages. Further information on meeting registration and the agenda will be forthcoming in early January.

### **FERC regulations on implementing NEPA**

As the regulatory process for the Atlantic Coast Pipeline progresses, ABRA members will find it useful to become familiar with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's regulations as to how it must implement the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act. Those regulations are at [http://www.ecfr.gov/cgi-bin/text-idx?tpl=/ecfrbrowse/Title18/18cfr380\\_main\\_02.tpl](http://www.ecfr.gov/cgi-bin/text-idx?tpl=/ecfrbrowse/Title18/18cfr380_main_02.tpl).

### **Website to be expanded**

The website for the Allegheny-Blue Ridge Alliance ([www.abralliance.org](http://www.abralliance.org)) is being enhanced to permit the posting key documents and information. As the site will be open to the public, more sensitive information will continue to be distributed via the ABRA Updates and special emails. The expanded website will be operational by December 31.

### **Taking a break!**

ABRA Update will not be issued next week, but will resume with a December 31 issue. Something to read with your egg nog on New Year's Eve! For now, Happy Holidays to all.

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

#### **In face of opposition, company to reroute gas pipeline** – Boston Globe, 12/5/14

<http://www.bostonglobe.com/business/2014/12/05/face-opposition-company-reroute-pipeline/wjok4WbfYr5FFyyHTPmFGJ/story.html>

#### **Roanoke County supervisors oppose natural gas pipeline**

– Danville Register & Bee, 12/10/14

[http://www.godanriver.com/news/pittsylvania\\_county/roanoke-county-supervisors-oppose-natural-gas-pipeline/article\\_ebd954c-809c-11e4-809a-8b5792fa5351.html](http://www.godanriver.com/news/pittsylvania_county/roanoke-county-supervisors-oppose-natural-gas-pipeline/article_ebd954c-809c-11e4-809a-8b5792fa5351.html)

## **Pipeline raises water concerns; Dominion says it will protect waterways**

– Lynchburg News & Advance, 12/10/14

[http://www.newsadvance.com/nelson\\_county\\_times/news/pipeline-raises-water-concerns-dominion-says-it-will-protect-waterways/article\\_a313b2f2-8092-11e4-b251-1392c92e0bc3.html](http://www.newsadvance.com/nelson_county_times/news/pipeline-raises-water-concerns-dominion-says-it-will-protect-waterways/article_a313b2f2-8092-11e4-b251-1392c92e0bc3.html)

## **FERC approves New England pipeline involving Piedmont Natural Gas**

Charlotte Business Journal, 12/11/14

<http://www.bizjournals.com/charlotte/blog/energy/2014/12/ferc-approves-new-engalnd-pipeline-involving.html>

## **Gas pipeline fails to energize debate over its route in Cumberland County**

Fayetteville (NC) Observer, 12-12-14

[http://www.fayobserver.com/news/local/gas-pipeline-fails-to-energize-debate-over-its-route-in/article\\_03db75c4-9286-5929-b542-db293f530b31.html](http://www.fayobserver.com/news/local/gas-pipeline-fails-to-energize-debate-over-its-route-in/article_03db75c4-9286-5929-b542-db293f530b31.html)

## **Mountain Valley Pipeline to host federally mandated open houses**

– WDBJ7, Roanoke, 12/14/14

<http://www.wdbj7.com/news/local/mountain-valley-pipeline-to-host-federally-mandated-open-houses-this-week/30230836>

## **Property rights outweigh pipelines** – Virginian-Pilot, 12/14/14

<http://hamptonroads.com/2014/12/property-rights-outweigh-pipelines>

## **Pipeline could jeopardize nearby homes** – Columbus Dispatch, 12/14/14

<http://www.dispatch.com/content/stories/editorials/2014/12/14/1-pipeline-could-jeopardize-nearby-homes.html>

## **NGPL ratings lowered on shifting gas pipeline flows; outlook negative**

– Platts, 12/15/14

<http://www.platts.com/latest-news/natural-gas/houston/ngpl-ratings-lowered-on-shifting-gas-pipeline-21707541>

## **Mountain Valley Pipeline holds first open house in Gretna** – WSET-TV, Roanoke, 12/15/14

<http://www.wset.com/story/27635919/mountain-valley-pipeline-holds-first-open-house-in-gretna>

## **Our view: How to stop a pipeline** – Roanoke Times, 12/15/14

[http://www.roanoke.com/opinion/editorials/our-view-how-to-stop-a-pipeline/article\\_37763b3b-4374-5540-97c3-803dce222298.html](http://www.roanoke.com/opinion/editorials/our-view-how-to-stop-a-pipeline/article_37763b3b-4374-5540-97c3-803dce222298.html)

## **Dominion named 2014 'Utility of the Year' by Electric Light & Power**

– CNN Money, 12/15/14

<http://money.cnn.com/news/newsfeeds/articles/prnewswire/NE90706.htm>

## **Pipeline meeting draws big crowd** – Monadnock Ledger-Transcript (NH), 12/15/14

<http://www.ledgertranscript.com/news/townbytown/rindge/14824691-95/pipeline-meeting-draws-big-crowd>

## **Dominion Resources agrees to buy Carolina Gas Transmission**

– Richmond Times-Dispatch, 12/16/14

[http://www.richmond.com/business/article\\_5e315abd-c1f7-57e1-8408-ofb866556e0b.html](http://www.richmond.com/business/article_5e315abd-c1f7-57e1-8408-ofb866556e0b.html)

## **As pipelines proliferate, Pennsylvania sees next phase of gas boom** – NPR, 12/16/14

<http://stateimpact.npr.org/pennsylvania/2014/12/16/as-pipelines-proliferate-pennsylvania-sees-next-phase-of-gas-boom/>

## **Natural Gas Pipelines to Bolster Bi-Directional Capacity in Northeast up to 32%, EIA Data Shows** – JDSUPRA Business Advisor, 12/16/14

<http://www.jdsupra.com/legalnews/natural-gas-pipelines-to-bolster-bi-dire-25160/>

## **Alternate route proposed for Dominion pipeline** – Richmond Times-Dispatch, 12/16/14

[http://www.richmond.com/business/local/article\\_ad39ebf7-d2b9-5c31-a267-ab97608251be.html](http://www.richmond.com/business/local/article_ad39ebf7-d2b9-5c31-a267-ab97608251be.html)

**Mountain State residents call for energy efficient policies in petition to governor**

– The State Journal (Charleston, WV), 12/16/14

<http://www.statejournal.com/story/27639843/mountain-state-residents-call-for-energy-efficient-policies>

**Dominion rejects Stuarts Draft alternatives** – The News-Virginian, 12/17/14

[http://www.dailyprogress.com/newsvirginian/dominion-rejects-stuarts-draft-alternatives/article\\_aead143a-856c-11e4-a6a5-b7a9cfd01e12.html](http://www.dailyprogress.com/newsvirginian/dominion-rejects-stuarts-draft-alternatives/article_aead143a-856c-11e4-a6a5-b7a9cfd01e12.html)

**Residents organize meeting on pipeline and eminent domain** – News & Advance, 12/17/14

[http://www.newsadvance.com/nelson\\_county\\_times/news/residents-organize-meeting-on-pipeline-and-eminent-domain/article\\_4ff8e6cc-8633-11e4-8499-3308ca59ed66.html](http://www.newsadvance.com/nelson_county_times/news/residents-organize-meeting-on-pipeline-and-eminent-domain/article_4ff8e6cc-8633-11e4-8499-3308ca59ed66.html)

**Natural gas pipeline battle heats up in Roanoke** – Roanoke Star, 12/18/14

<http://theroanokestar.com/2014/12/15/natural-gas-pipeline-battle-heats-up-in-roanoke-county-2/>

**Pa. senators propose pipeline impact fee** – The Morning Call (Allentown, PA), 12/18/14

<http://www.mcall.com/news/nationworld/pennsylvania/mc-pa-pipeline-impact-fee-20141218-story.html>

**Salem pipeline open house an example of conviction, unity of opponents**

– Roanoke Times, 12/18/14

[http://www.roanoke.com/news/local/salem/salem-pipeline-open-house-an-example-of-conviction-unity-of/article\\_1d470fe6-7248-55df-a77e-d65f9ef79ced.html](http://www.roanoke.com/news/local/salem/salem-pipeline-open-house-an-example-of-conviction-unity-of/article_1d470fe6-7248-55df-a77e-d65f9ef79ced.html)

**Enhancing integrity: improving gas pipeline safety by using direct assessment**

Pipelines International, December 2014

[http://pipelinesinternational.com/news/enhancing\\_integrity\\_improving\\_gas\\_pipeline\\_safety\\_by\\_using\\_direct\\_assessmen/090545/](http://pipelinesinternational.com/news/enhancing_integrity_improving_gas_pipeline_safety_by_using_direct_assessmen/090545/)