NEXT STEPS

We are currently preparing a Notice of Intent to Prepare an EIS, Request for Comments, and Public Scoping Meetings (NOI) which will be issued in April 2015. Copies of the NOI will be sent to affected landowners, elected officials, government agencies, regional environmental groups and non-governmental organizations, Indian tribes, local libraries and newspapers, and other interested parties. The NOI will also be published in the *Federal Register*. The NOI will announce the dates, times, and locations for public scoping meetings. Those meetings should be held in Virginia and West Virginia in early May 2015. Details about public meetings will also be posted on the FERC's calendar located at http://www.ferc.gov/EventCalendar/Events List.aspx. In addition, the NOI will specify the extent of the scoping period, and request that environmental comments be filed with the FERC during that period. During scoping we seek input on the issues to be analyzed in the EIS.

Presently, Mountain Valley is preparing the remainder of its draft environmental Resource Reports, as identified in the FERC's regulations at Title 18 Code of Federal Regulations Part 380.12. We will review those draft Resource Reports, which will be submitted sequentially by Mountain Valley, and issue comments, as needed, to fill in data gaps, and respond to issues raised by stakeholders.

Once Mountain Valley files its formal application with the FERC, we will conduct our analysis of the Project and produce a draft EIS. The draft EIS will address the issues raised during scoping. When the draft EIS is completed, the FERC will issue a Notice of Availability. The draft EIS will be sent out to our environmental mailing list, and we will again hold public meetings in the project area. Comments on the draft EIS will be addressed in the final EIS. The Commission will consider the findings in our final EIS, together with other non-environmental data related to economic issues such as markets and rates, prior to making a decision whether or not to authorize this Project.

STAYING INFORMED

The Commission's administrative record is accessible online at www.ferc.gov. Click "Documents & Filings," then click on the eLibrary link, go to "General Search" and enter the docket number (i.e., PF15-3). Be sure you have selected an appropriate date range. For assistance with eLibrary, please contact FERC Online Support via email at FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov, or by phone, toll free at 1-866-208-3676.

In addition, the FERC offers a free service called eSubscription that allows you to keep track of all issuances and submittals in specific dockets. Using this service can reduce the amount of time you spend monitoring our website by automatically providing you with electronic notification when new items are posted and providing direct links to the documents. To register for this service, go to:

http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/esubscription.asp.

While we believe that the internet is the best way to stay informed, we realize that not everyone has access to the internet. Therefore, notices issued by the FERC related to this Project will be sent in hard copy to our environmental mailing list.

Additional information is also available from Mountain Valley at their webpage at:

www.mountainvalleypipeline.info.

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PROJECT UPDATE FOR THE MOUNTAIN VALLEY PIPELINE PROJECT

Docket No. PF15-3-000

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PURPOSE

The purpose of this mailing is to provide an update of the status of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's (FERC or Commission) environmental review of the planned Mountain Valley Pipeline Project (Project, Docket No. PF15-3-000) in West Virginia and Virginia.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The Project is proposed by Mountain Valley Pipeline LLC (Mountain Valley) a joint venture between affiliates of EQT Corporation and NextEra Energy, Inc. Mountain Valley seeks Commission authorization to construct and operate about 286 miles of new 36-inch to 42-inch-diameter natural gas pipeline in Wetzel, Harrison, Doddridge, Lewis, Braxton, Webster, Nicholas, Greenbrier, Fayette, Summers, and Monroe Counties, West Virginia and Giles, Montgomery, Roanoke, Franklin, and Pittsylvania Counties in Virginia.

Additional aboveground facilities would include four new compressor stations in Wetzel, Braxton, and Greenbrier Counties, West Virginia and Roanoke County, Virginia; four new meter stations; 17 main line valves, and six pig launchers and receivers.

According to Mountain Valley, the Project is designed to transport about 2.0 billion cubic feet per day of natural gas from Marcellus and Utica production areas in the Appalachian Basin to markets in the Mid-Atlantic and Southeastern United States.

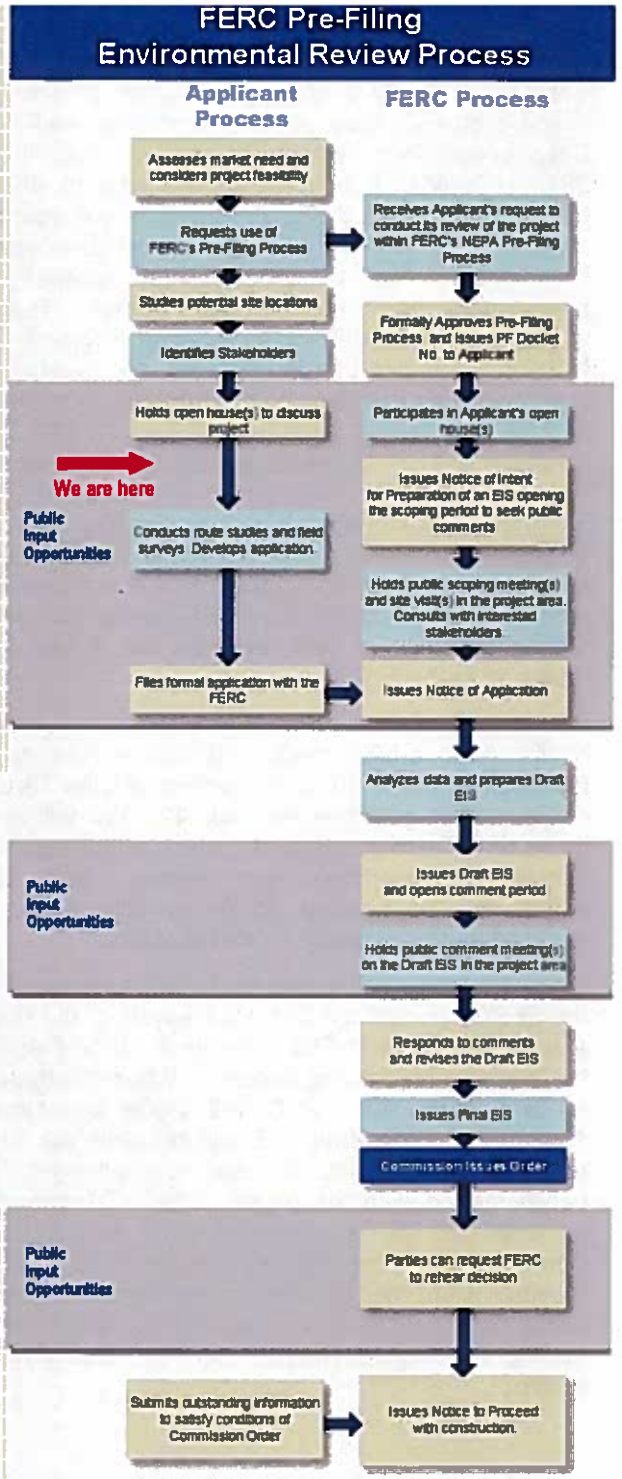
THE FERC ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW PROCESS

The FERC is the lead federal agency responsible for conducting the environmental review of the Project. In compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act, with the cooperation of other federal and state regulatory agencies, the FERC staff will prepare an environmental impact statement (EIS) for the Project. To-date, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and the West Virginia Division of Natural Resources have agreed to be cooperating agencies in the production of the EIS. This EIS will identify and describe potentially affected lands and resources; disclose the potential impacts on these resources; describe, as appropriate, any avoidance, minimization, and mitigation measures necessary to reduce potential impacts; and evaluate alternatives.

On October 27, 2014, Mountain Valley requested the initiation of our[1] Pre-Filing environmental review of its Project, and the FERC accepted that request on October 31, 2014. The FERC's Pre-filing environmental review process allows Mountain Valley to communicate with stakeholders, identify issues, attempt to resolve those issues, and perfect its application. The Pre-filing process will conclude when Mountain Valley files its formal application with the Commission. Mountain Valley has stated its intent to file its application with the FERC in October 2015.

WHERE WE ARE NOW IN THE PROCESS

On December 1, 2014, Mountain Valley filed with the FERC a preliminary description of its Project, as first draft Resource Report 1, and a Summary of Alternatives (draft Resource Report 10). In December 2014 and January 2015 FERC staff attended Mountain Valley's 14 Open House meetings along the proposed pipeline route. On February 18, 2015, Mountain Valley filed several alternative routes they are currently considering. The FERC issued our first set of comments on draft Resource Reports 1 and 10 on March 13, 2015.



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[1] The pronouns "we," "our," "us," refer to the Commission's natural gas environmental staff in the Office of Energy Projects.