

## Our project newsletter to stakeholders

We are pleased to provide you with the fourth newsletter for the Mountain Valley Pipeline (MVP) as part of our effort to maintain communication with stakeholders throughout the filing process.

### MVP's response to FERC data requests

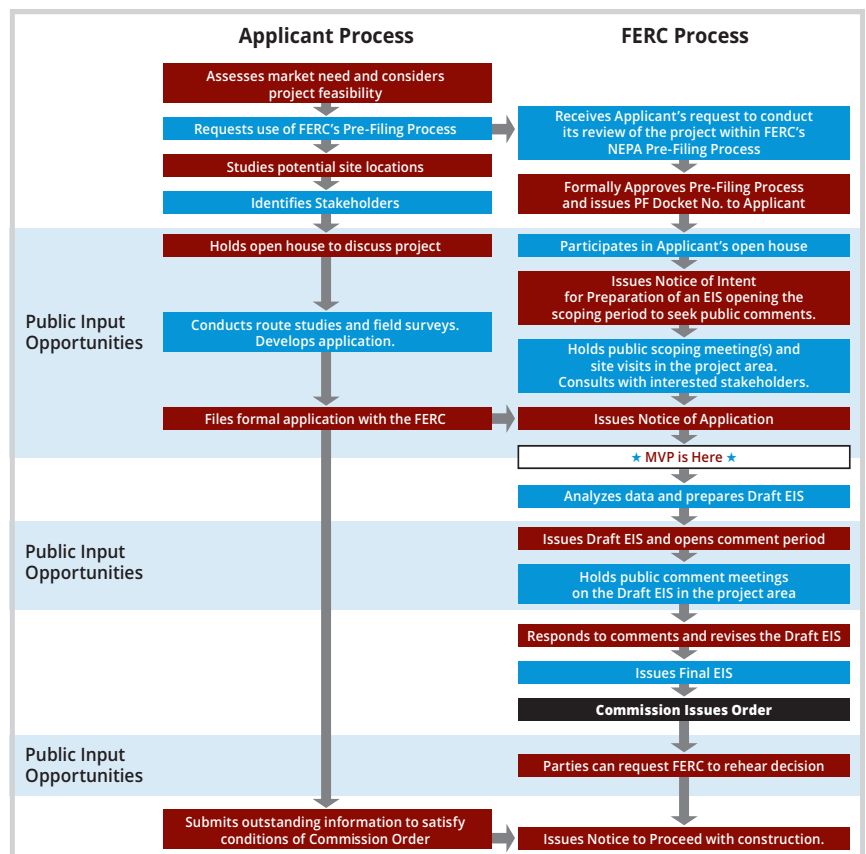
On December 24, 2015, the Office of Energy Projects of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) issued a set of data requests to Mountain Valley Pipeline, LLC regarding the certificate application of the proposed Mountain Valley Pipeline (MVP) project, formally filed in October 2015. The

requests were issued on behalf of the FERC, as well as other cooperating federal and state agencies, to clarify data and gather additional information on the plans and procedures identified in the filing. Requests for data were focused on topics such as pipeline construction, facility engineering, land acquisition, and environmental procedures surrounding the project.

Mountain Valley Pipeline submitted responses to the majority of the FERC data requests on January 15, 2016, along with an expected timeline for submitting the remainder of MVP's responses, many of which were based on survey completion dates or information availability. Responses to the requests were drafted and reviewed by subject matter experts prior to being submitted to the FERC. Since MVP's initial response submission, subsequent data responses were filed on January 27 and February 26, as well as four additional responses filed in March 2016. Additional supplemental responses will likely occur throughout spring 2016.

### What's the next step in the process?

Upon review of the data request responses, the FERC will issue a Notice of Schedule, which is expected sometime in late spring. The Notice of Schedule, or NOS as it is often referred, will lay out the timeline for the FERC's environmental review of the project. The next step in the process is the issuance of a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) by the FERC, which will be available for public comment and will be followed by a series of public meetings. Once the meetings are completed and comments are addressed, the FERC will review and issue a Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS), estimated to arrive in the fourth quarter of 2016. After the FEIS has been reviewed, the FERC will make a decision on whether to approve the MVP project.



## Easements along the proposed route

An easement, also called a right-of-way or ROW, is the section of land that extends across both sides of a natural gas pipeline. Property owners sign easement agreements to give companies a permanent, but limited, right to use this swath of land to operate and maintain pipelines in a safe and effective manner. A temporary right-of-way of 125 feet will be needed during the construction phase of the MVP project, but will be restored to a permanent right-of-way of 50 feet. At the end of construction, the land will be restored to as near its original condition as possible.

Generally, landowners will be able to utilize their land in the same manner they did before the pipeline was constructed and placed in-service. For example, agricultural activities such as growing crops and pasturing livestock can resume as soon as the land is ready; however, Mountain Valley Pipeline will need to operate the pipeline safely; therefore, there may be a few limited restrictions that apply.

Although the MVP project is currently under the thorough and guided review of the FERC approval process, the project team has been working with landowners to negotiate easement agreements along the proposed route for the past several months. This is a standard part of the development process and does not insinuate or guarantee that the pipeline will be approved by the FERC. These initial easement agreements are being negotiated and executed in good faith and will be charged as an overall project cost, in anticipation of approval by the FERC. Negotiating ROW agreements in advance helps to keep the proposed project on schedule. As of March 21, 2016, the MVP project has acquired approximately 205 miles of right-of-way, spanning 758 separate tracts of land along the proposed MVP pipeline route in West Virginia and Virginia.

## MVP and Con Edison partner to serve northeast US market

On January 22, 2016, Mountain Valley Pipeline, LLC and Consolidated Edison, Inc. announced their intent to deliver natural gas to industrial and consumer end-use markets in the growing demand areas of the northeast United States. Consolidated Edison Company of New York, Inc. signed a 20-year transportation agreement for 250,000 dekatherms per day of firm capacity on the proposed Mountain Valley Pipeline. Con Edison also agreed to a 20-year transportation agreement for 250,000 dekatherms per day on the Equitrans system, which is owned and operated by

EQT Midstream Partners; and is located in northern West Virginia and southwestern Pennsylvania.

*"Con Edison is responsible for obtaining low-cost, reliable supply to meet its gas customers' needs. The MVP and Equitrans capacity agreements allow customers to achieve significant savings,"* said Ivan Kimball, Vice President of Energy Management, Con Edison.

*"Con Edison is a well-respected utility company that has been serving its northeast customers for more than 190 years and we are thrilled to have them as a partner with Mountain Valley Pipeline. Their participation further validates the need for supply diversification, which is offered through MVP's access to one of our Country's largest and lowest-cost energy resources,"* said Randy Crawford, chief operating officer, EQT Midstream Partners. *"The MVP project addresses Appalachian infrastructure limitations and, more importantly, offers supply diversity to meet the increasing demand for safe, reliable natural gas by both consumer and industrial markets."*

In another agreement, Con Edison Gas Midstream, LLC, a subsidiary of Consolidated Edison, Inc., has acquired a 12.5% ownership interest in Mountain Valley Pipeline, LLC, which is a joint venture between EQT Midstream Partners, LP, operator of the proposed pipeline with a 45.5% ownership interest; and affiliates of NextEra Energy, Inc. at 31% ownership; WGL Holdings, Inc. at 7% ownership; Vega Energy Partners, Ltd at 3% ownership; and RGC Resources, Inc. at 1% ownership.

## Safety Tips for Spring Cleaning & Ladder Use

With mild weather around the corner and a fresh start in mind, many of us are breaking out the ladders to start spring cleaning, washing windows and clearing the gutters of our homes. Safety is a top priority for MVP and we want to help keep our communities safe as they prepare for spring. Check out these fast facts on ladder safety:

- Read the manufacturer's instructions that come with your ladder before use – they contain important guidelines for weight and height limits
- Inspect the ladder to make sure there are no broken or loose rungs and ensure that all of the ladder's feet are placed firmly on a level surface
- Never stand on the ladder's bucket shelf
- Always use the 3 Points of Contact rule – face the ladder and center your weight between the two sides, and have either 2 hands and 1 foot or 2 feet and 1 hand in contact with the ladder at all times to ensure maximum safety

## Compressor stations for Mountain Valley Pipeline

A compressor station is a natural gas facility located along a pipeline route that compresses gas in the pipeline to increase pressure, allowing it to flow through the line toward its intended destination. Friction and elevation changes induce pressure drop on natural gas traveling in a pipeline and must be periodically compressed to ensure efficient delivery; therefore, a compressor station is typically placed every 40 to 100 miles along the pipeline route.

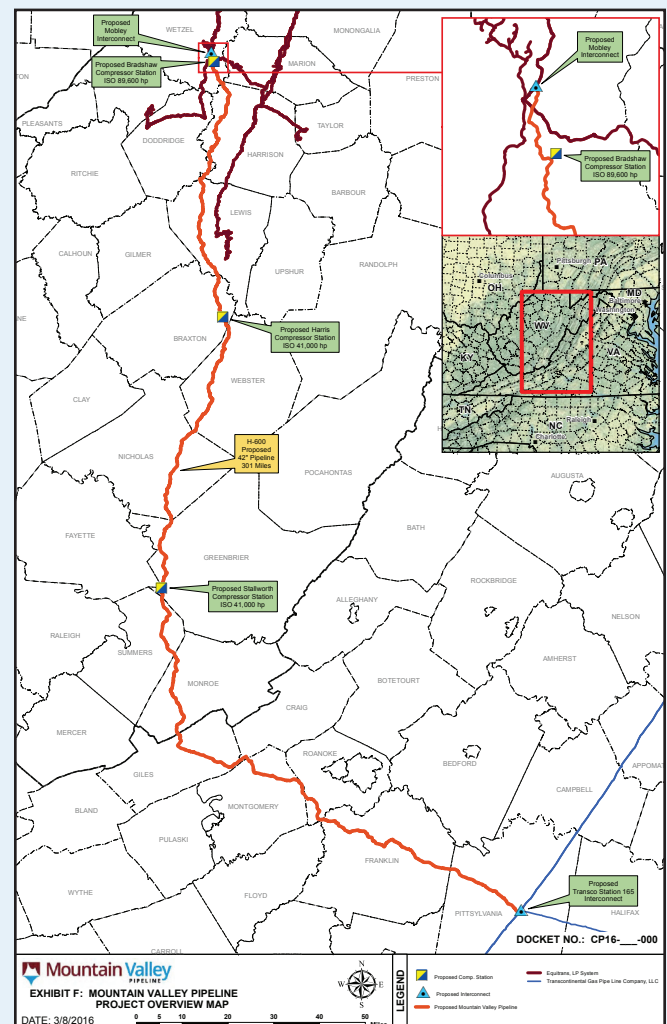


Based on the current capacity of 2Bcf per day, the MVP project team has identified the need for three compressor stations along the proposed route to transport natural gas to its delivery point, the Transcontinental Gas Pipeline Company's (Transco) Zone 5 Compressor Station 165 in Pittsylvania County, Virginia. Stations will be built on lands purchased by the project and owned by Mountain Valley Pipeline, LLC and will provide approximately 171,600 horsepower (hp) of compression to the MVP line. The natural gas compressors will be driven by turbine engines that will be powered by natural gas. They will utilize a fraction of the gas coming through the station from the pipeline as fuel and will compress the remainder for transport and delivery.

### Compressor stations along the route are identified as:

- **Bradshaw Compressor Station** – sited in Wetzel County, WV, located near milepost 2.8, to pull gas from the origination point near Mobley, WV for relay delivery to the Harris station. The Bradshaw station will contain four gas-fired turbines, providing approximately 89,600 hp of compression.
- **Harris Compressor Station** – sited in Braxton County, WV, approaching milepost 77.5, to pull gas from the Bradshaw station for relay delivery to the Stallworth station. The Harris station will contain two gas-fired turbines, providing approximately 41,000 hp of compression.
- **Stallworth Compressor Station** – sited in Fayette County, WV, at approximate milepost 154.2, to pull gas from the Harris station for relay delivery to the terminus at Transco Station 165. The Stallworth station will contain two gas-fired turbines, providing approximately 41,000 hp of compression.

The MVP compressor stations will be monitored 24/7 by an offsite system and will have remote devices with the ability to observe, control, and shut down operations in the event of an emergency. Emissions from the construction and operation of each compressor station will comply with all applicable air quality regulations as permitted by regulatory authorities. Equipment, controls, and safe operating practices will be utilized to minimize emissions. Pending FERC approval of the project, the estimated construction start date for the MVP compressor stations is March 2017, with construction completion in the fourth quarter of 2018.



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