

The total estimated annual cost burden to respondents is \$339,068 (5,846 hours times \$58/hour¹²).

The reporting burden includes the total time, effort, or financial resources expended to generate, maintain, retain, disclose, or provide the information including: (1) Reviewing instructions; (2) developing, acquiring, installing, and utilizing technology and systems for the purposes of collecting, validating, verifying, processing, maintaining, disclosing and providing information; (3) adjusting the existing ways to comply with any previously applicable instructions and requirements; (4) training personnel to respond to a collection of information; (5) searching data sources; (6) completing and reviewing the collection of information; and (7) transmitting or otherwise disclosing the information.

The estimate of cost for respondents is based upon salaries for professional and clerical support, as well as direct and indirect overhead costs. Direct costs include all costs directly attributable to providing this information, such as administrative costs and the cost for information technology. Indirect or overhead costs are costs incurred by an organization in support of its mission. These costs apply to activities which benefit the whole organization rather than any one particular function or activity.

Comments are invited on: (1) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Commission,

including whether the information will have practical utility; (2) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology *e.g.* permitting electronic submission of responses.

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Kimberly D. Bose,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. PF11-9-000]

Dominion Transmission, Incorporated; Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Assessment for the Planned Allegheny Storage Project, Request for Comments on Environmental Issues, and Notice of Public Scoping Meeting

The staff of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC or

FERC PUBLIC SCOPING MEETINGS

Myersville Compressor Station, 7:00 p.m.—Monday, November 7, 2011, Myersville Volunteer Fire Company, 301 Main Street, Myersville, MD 21773.

Mullett Compressor Station, 7:00 p.m.—Tuesday, November 8, 2011, St. John's United Church of Christ, 51736 German Ridge Road, Powhatan Point, OH 43942.

This notice is being sent to the Commission's current environmental mailing list for this project. State and local government representatives are asked to notify their constituents of this planned project and encourage them to comment on their areas of concern.

If you are a landowner receiving this notice, you may be contacted by a pipeline company representative about the acquisition of an easement to construct, operate, and maintain the planned facilities. The company would seek to negotiate a mutually acceptable agreement. However, if the project is approved by the Commission, that approval conveys with it the right of

eminent domain. Therefore, if easement negotiations fail to produce an agreement, the pipeline company could initiate condemnation proceedings where compensation would be determined in accordance with state law.

A fact sheet prepared by the FERC entitled "An Interstate Natural Gas Facility On My Land? What Do I Need To Know?" is available for viewing on the FERC Web site (<http://www.ferc.gov>). This fact sheet addresses a number of typically-asked questions, including the use of eminent domain and how to participate in the Commission's proceedings.

Commission) will prepare an environmental assessment (EA) that will discuss the environmental impacts of the Allegheny Storage Project involving construction and operation of facilities by Dominion Transmission, Incorporated (DTI) in Lewis County, West Virginia; Tioga County, Pennsylvania; Frederick County, Maryland; and Monroe County, Ohio. This EA will be used by the Commission in its decision-making process to determine whether the project is in the public convenience and necessity.

This notice announces the opening of the scoping process the Commission will use to gather input from the public and interested agencies on the project. Your input will help the Commission staff determine what issues need to be evaluated in the EA. Please note that the scoping period will close on November 23, 2011.

Comments may be submitted in written form or verbally. Further details on how to submit written comments are provided in the Public Participation section of this notice. In lieu of or in addition to sending written comments, the Commission invites you to attend the public scoping meetings scheduled as follows:

Summary of the Planned Project

DTI plans to construct and operate one new compressor station in both Frederick County, Maryland and Monroe County, Ohio. In addition, DTI plans to replace about 3 miles of pipeline in Tioga County, Pennsylvania and install additional hydration at an existing compressor station in Lewis County, West Virginia. According to DTI, the Allegheny Storage Project would provide a total of 125,000 dekatherms per day of both natural gas storage and transportation service to its customers: Baltimore Gas and Electric, TW Philips, and Washington Gas and

¹² The per hour figures were obtained from the Bureau of Labor Statistics National Industry-Specific Occupational and Employment Wage

Estimates (http://www.bls.gov/oes/current/naics4_221200.htm), and are based on the mean wage statistics for staff in the areas of management,

business and financial, legal and administrative. The mean wage was then increased by 20% to account for benefits/overhead.

Electric. The planned project would meet a mid-atlantic need for natural gas.

The planned Allegheny Storage Project would consist of the following facilities:

- A new 16,000-horsepower (hp) Myersville Compressor Station, 0.6-mile suction and discharge pipelines, and upgrades at the existing Tuscarora Meter Station in Frederick County, Maryland;
- A new 3,550-hp Mullett Compressor Station, upgrades at the existing Mullett Meter Station, and installation of 0.5-mile suction and discharge pipelines in Monroe County, Ohio;
- Replacement of 1.7 miles of 10- and 12-inch-diameter pipelines and 1.2 miles of 8- and 12-inch-diameter pipelines with 16- and 20-inch-diameter pipelines, respectively, and the installation of ancillary equipment at the Sabinsville Storage Station in Tioga County, Pennsylvania; and
- Installation of additional hydration at the existing Wolf Run Compressor Station in Lewis County, West Virginia.

The general location of the project facilities is shown in appendix 1.¹

Land Requirements for Construction

Construction of the planned facilities would disturb a total of about 58 acres of land. Following construction, about 14.9 acres would be maintained for permanent operation of the project's facilities; the remaining acreage would be restored and allowed to revert to former uses.

The EA Process

The National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) requires the Commission to take into account the environmental impacts that could result from an action whenever it considers the issuance of a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity. NEPA also requires us² to discover and address concerns the public may have about proposals. This process is referred to as scoping. The main goal of the scoping process is to focus the analysis in the EA on the important environmental issues. By this notice, the Commission requests public comments on the scope of the issues to address in the EA. All comments

¹ The appendices referenced in this notice are not being printed in the **Federal Register**. Copies of appendices were sent to all those receiving this notice in the mail and are available at <http://www.ferc.gov> using the link called "eLibrary" or from the Commission's Public Reference Room, 888 First Street NE., Washington, DC 20426, or call (202) 502-8371. For instructions on connecting to eLibrary, refer to the last page of this notice.

² "We," "us," and "our" refer to the environmental staff of the Commission's Office of Energy Projects.

received will be considered during the preparation of the EA.

In the EA we will discuss impacts that could occur as a result of the construction and operation of the planned project under these general headings:

- Geology and soils;
- Land use;
- Water resources, fisheries, and wetlands;
- Vegetation and wildlife;
- Endangered and threatened species;
- Cultural resources;
- Air quality and noise; and
- Public safety.

We will also evaluate possible alternatives to the planned project or portions of the project, and make recommendations on how to lessen or avoid impacts on the various resource areas.

Although no formal application has been filed, we have already initiated our NEPA review under the Commission's pre-filing process. The purpose of the pre-filing process is to encourage early involvement of interested stakeholders and to identify and resolve issues before an application is filed with the FERC. As part of our pre-filing review, we have begun to contact some federal and state agencies to discuss their involvement in the scoping process and the preparation of the EA.

Our independent analysis of the issues will be presented in the EA. The EA will be placed in the public record and, depending on the comments received during the scoping process, may be published and distributed to the public. A comment period will be allotted if the EA is published for review. We will consider all comments on the EA before we make our recommendations to the Commission. To ensure your comments are considered, please carefully follow the instructions in the Public Participation section beginning on page 5.

With this notice, we are asking agencies with jurisdiction and/or special expertise with respect to environmental issues to formally cooperate with us in the preparation of the EA. These agencies may choose to participate once they have evaluated the proposal relative to their responsibilities. Agencies that would like to request cooperating agency status should follow the instructions for filing comments provided under the Public Participation section of this notice.

Consultations Under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act

In accordance with the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation's

implementing regulations for section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act, we are using this notice to initiate consultation with applicable State Historic Preservation Offices, and to solicit their views and those of other government agencies, interested Indian tribes, and the public on the project's potential effects on historic properties.³ We will define the project-specific Area of Potential Effects (APE) in consultation with the SHPOs as the project is further developed. On natural gas facility projects, the APE at a minimum encompasses all areas subject to ground disturbance (examples include construction right-of-way, contractor/pipe storage yards, compressor stations, and access roads). Our EA for this project will document our findings on the impacts on historic properties and summarize the status of consultations under section 106.

Public Participation

You can make a difference by providing us with your specific comments or concerns about the project. Your comments should focus on the potential environmental effects, reasonable alternatives, and measures to avoid or lessen environmental impacts. The more specific your comments, the more useful they will be. To ensure that your comments are timely and properly recorded, please send your comments so that they will be received in Washington, DC on or before November 23, 2011.

For your convenience, there are three methods you can use to submit your comments to the Commission. In all instances, please reference the project docket number (PF11-9-000) with your submission. The Commission encourages electronic filing of comments and has expert eFiling staff available to assist you at (202) 502-8258 or efiling@ferc.gov.

(1) You may file your comments electronically by using the *eComment* feature, which is located on the Commission's Web site at <http://www.ferc.gov> under the link to *Documents and Filings*. An *eComment* is an easy method for interested persons to submit brief, text-only comments on a project;

(2) You may file your comments electronically by using the *eFiling* feature, which is located on the Commission's Web site at <http://www.ferc.gov>

³ The Advisory Council on Historic Preservation's regulations are at title 36, Code of Federal Regulations, part 800. Historic properties are defined in those regulations as any prehistoric or historic district, site, building, structure, or object included in or eligible for inclusion in the National Register for Historic Places.

www.ferc.gov under the link to *Documents and Filings*. With eFiling, you can provide comments in a variety of formats by attaching them as a file with your submission. New eFiling users must first create an account by clicking on “eRegister.” You will be asked to select the type of filing you are making. A comment on a particular project is considered a “Comment on a Filing”; or

(3) You may mail a paper copy of your comments to the Commission at the following address: Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Room 1A, Washington, DC 20426.

Environmental Mailing List

The environmental mailing list includes federal, state, and local government representatives and agencies; elected officials; environmental and public interest groups; Native American Tribes; other interested parties; and local libraries and newspapers. This list also includes all affected landowners (as defined in the Commission’s regulations) who are potential right-of-way grantors, whose property may be used temporarily for project purposes, or who own homes within certain distances of aboveground facilities, and anyone who submits comments on the project. We will update the environmental mailing list as the analysis proceeds to ensure that we send the information related to this environmental review to all individuals, organizations, and government entities interested in and/or potentially affected by the planned project.

If the EA is published for distribution, copies will be sent to the environmental mailing list for public review and comment. If you would prefer to receive a paper copy of the document instead of the CD version or would like to remove your name from the mailing list, please return the attached Information Request (appendix 2).

Becoming an Intervenor

Once DTI files its application with the Commission, you may want to become an “intervenor” which is an official party to the Commission’s proceeding. Intervenor status is a more formal role in the process and are able to file briefs, appear at hearings, and be heard by the courts if they choose to appeal the Commission’s final ruling. An intervenor formally participates in the proceeding by filing a request to intervene. Instructions for becoming an intervenor are included in the User’s Guide under the “e-filing” link on the Commission’s Web site. Please note that the Commission will not accept requests

for intervenor status at this time. You must wait until a formal application for the project is filed with the Commission.

Additional Information

Additional information about the project is available from the Commission’s Office of External Affairs, at (866) 208–FERC, or on the FERC Web site (<http://www.ferc.gov>) using the eLibrary link. Click on the eLibrary link, click on “General Search” and enter the project docket number, excluding the last three digits in the Docket Number field (*i.e.*, PF11–9). Be sure you have selected an appropriate date range. For assistance, please contact FERC Online Support at FercOnlineSupport@ferc.gov or toll free at (866) 208–3676, or for TTY, contact (202) 502–8659. The eLibrary link also provides access to the texts of formal documents issued by the Commission, such as orders, notices, and rulemakings.

In addition, the Commission offers a free service called eSubscription which allows you to keep track of all formal issuances and submittals in specific dockets. This can reduce the amount of time you spend researching proceedings by automatically providing you with notification of these filings, document summaries, and direct links to the documents. Go to <http://www.ferc.gov/esubscribenow.htm>.

Finally, public meetings or site visits will be posted on the Commission’s calendar located at <http://www.ferc.gov/EventCalendar/EventsList.aspx> along with other related information.

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Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

Notice of Commissioner and Staff Attendance at North American Electric Reliability Corporation Meetings

The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission hereby gives notice that members of the Commission and/or Commission staff may attend the following meetings:

North American Electric Reliability Corporation, Member Representatives Committee and Board of Trustees Meetings.

Westin Buckhead Atlanta, 3391 Peachtree Road, NE., Atlanta, GA 30326.

November 2 (1 p.m.–5 p.m.) and 3 (8 a.m.–1 p.m.), 2011.

Further information regarding these meetings may be found at: <http://www.nerc.com/calendar.php>.

The discussions at the meetings, which are open to the public, may address matters at issue in the following Commission proceedings:

Docket No. RC08–5, North American Electric Reliability Corporation.
Docket No. RC11–1, North American Electric Reliability Corporation.
Docket No. RC11–2, North American Electric Reliability Corporation.
Docket No. RC11–5, North American Electric Reliability Corporation.
Docket No. RC11–6, North American Electric Reliability Corporation.
Docket No. RR08–4, North American Electric Reliability Corporation.
Docket No. RR10–11, North American Electric Reliability Corporation.
Docket No. RR11–1, North American Electric Reliability Corporation.
Docket No. RR11–2, North American Electric Reliability Corporation.
Docket No. RR11–3, North American Electric Reliability Corporation.
Docket No. RR11–4, North American Electric Reliability Corporation.
Docket No. RR11–5, North American Electric Reliability Corporation.
Docket No. RR11–7, North American Electric Reliability Corporation.
Docket No. RD09–11, North American Electric Reliability Corporation.
Docket No. RD10–2, North American Electric Reliability Corporation.
Docket No. RD11–3, North American Electric Reliability Corporation.
Docket No. RD11–5, North American Electric Reliability Corporation.
Docket No. RD11–8, North American Electric Reliability Corporation.
Docket No. RD11–9, North American Electric Reliability Corporation.
Docket No. RD11–10, North American Electric Reliability Corporation.
Docket No. RD11–11, North American Electric Reliability Corporation.
Docket No. NP10–160, North American Electric Reliability Corporation.
Docket No. NP11–238, North American Electric Reliability Corporation.

For further information, please contact Jonathan First, (202) 502–8529, or jonathan.first@ferc.gov.

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