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Cove Point Expansion Update

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A Newsletter Highlighting the Cove Point Expansion Project

Dominion Files for FERC Project Approval

Dominion has formally asked the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) to approve construction of the Cove Point Expansion Project. On April 15, the company submitted a request for authorization of the Cove Point LNG facility expansion and also filed for Certificates of Public Convenience and Necessity for the other portions of the project.

FERC assigned three docket numbers for different elements of the project: CP05-130-000 for the Cove Point LNG facility expansion; CP05-132-000 for the Maryland pipeline and the Loudoun, Va., measuring and regulating station; and CP05-131-000 for the rest of the project's facilities. Earlier, Dominion filed environmental information under FERC Docket number PF04-15-000. The filings are available on the FERC Web site: www.ferc.gov.



Dominion's Bill Allen, Transmission Compliance manager with the Transmission Rates and Regulation group, and Kris Hachat, senior certificates analyst-Certificates, display a set of the FERC Cove Point Expansion Project applications prepared by dozens of team members.

Where to Find the Cove Point Applications

Complete copies of the application can be found on the Internet at www.ferc.gov and at the following libraries:

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| Lewis Bennett Public Library
148 Court Avenue
Weston, WV 26452 | Juniata County Library
498 Jefferson Street
Mifflintown, PA 17059 |
| New Martinsville Public Library
160 Washington St.
New Martinsville, WV 26155 | Mifflin County Library
123 N. Wayne Street
Lewistown, PA 17044 |
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Leesburg, VA 20176 | Huntingdon County Library
330 Penn Street
Huntingdon, PA 16652 |
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Waynesburg, PA 15370 | Centre County Library
203 North Allegheny Street
Bellefonte, PA 16823 |
| Ragged Edge Library
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Ulysses, PA 16948 | C. Burr Artz Public Library
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134 N. Second Street
Olean, NY 14760 |

Once FERC thoroughly evaluates the project's environmental effects, the Commission will issue a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS). This generally takes about four months following the filing. The DEIS summarizes the project's environmental impacts and often includes special mitigation instructions to address any specific concerns. FERC will provide a copy of the DEIS to all intervenors and will inform all landowners that the document is available. During a 30-day comment period, FERC will conduct additional meetings to receive public input on the DEIS.

About four months after the comment period, FERC will issue a Final Environmental Impact Statement reviewing all the environmental implications of the project. This document also will include specific mitigation instructions that Dominion must comply with during construction and right-of-way restoration.

Finally, if FERC is satisfied that the project is in the public interest, the Commission will issue an Order giving Dominion permission to build the project. The FERC Order will specify what Dominion is allowed to do and typically sets criteria that must be met both before and during construction.





Dominion Works to Protect Environment

With the arrival of warmer weather, Dominion is conducting various surveys to identify potentially threatened and endangered species and habitat along the proposed pipeline routes of the Cove Point Expansion Project.

The surveys will allow Dominion to determine where it needs to develop mitigation measures to minimize impacts to these species and habitats in keeping with the Endangered Species Act and environmental provisions stipulated by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.

Dominion recognizes that environmental quality is inherently long-term. Sound environmental stewardship demands more than instinct and expediency. It requires the commitment of consistent, corporate emphasis. It calls for the conviction of people and organizations dedicated to sustained environmental stewardship.

“Dominion is focused on meeting our customers’ energy needs in an environmentally responsible manner,” said Mark Reaser, director-Gas Environmental Services. “As the major energy supplier in uniquely beautiful, natural regions, we have always worked to protect and enhance the economic and environmental quality of life for our customers and our employees.

“We are committed — and will remain committed — to full compliance with all laws and regulations of local, state and federal governments that affect our operations. We will also continue to cooperate closely with the agencies that regulate our business.”

Once the biological experts complete their surveys along the proposed pipeline routes, they will compile their results in written reports for Dominion and the agencies charged with protecting threatened and endangered species.

Representatives from Dominion Engineering, Dominion Environmental Services and the Cove Point Expansion Project’s environmental consultant (GAI Consultants) will review the survey process and reports.

In addition, various state and federal agencies will review the survey process and reports. Dominion works with federal, state and local agencies to design the pipeline route to assure that the impacts on the natural and human environment are avoided or minimized at the very least.

Among the federal programs or regulations that will be reviewed for any project impact and any related compliance are the Endangered Species Act, the National Historic Preservation Act, the Coastal Zone Management Act and the Clean Water Act (including the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System program).

Others include the following: the Clean Air Act, the Archaeological and Historic Preservation Act, the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act, the National Wilderness Act, the National Parks and Recreation Act, and the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act.

Get additional information from www.dom.com, keyword **cpexpansion**, or by e-mailing your questions to cpexpansion@dom.com.

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