Atlantic Coast Pipeline Stakeholders Meeting

Agenda Archdale Ground Floor Hearing Room / 919.6262.4658 Thursday, March 23, 2017 10:00am – 1:00pm

- Welcome and Housekeeping Lyn Hardison and Sarah Rice
- Introductions of Attendees
- **Opening Remarks** Tracy Davis

Thank you for joining NCDEQ today. Everyone here has a common goal, to review and provide comments on the Atlantic Coast Pipeline Draft EIS to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission under the National Environmental Policy Act by April 6, 2017 and to ensure that any plan approvals and permits issued by DEQ Division staff are compliant with state law and rules and are protective of the environment and the citizens of NC. The purposes of this meeting is to allow DEQ an opportunity to provide stakeholders a brief overview of each Division's permit process and a point of contact within each Division that stakeholders can directly communicate with throughout each Division's individual application review process related to this proposed project. We also want to give each stakeholder group an opportunity during this meeting to share your comments and concerns with the ACP project with DEQ staff so that we can consider such comments in any upcoming permit evaluations. Due to time restraints and the number of stakeholders we anticipate participating in this meeting, our facilitators may place a time limit on each speaker in order to ensure that all groups represented at the meeting will have a chance to speak. For those attending by phone, our facilitators will periodically call on you to ensure that you have an equal opportunity to provide comments. Please note that today's meeting is to initiate dialogue between stakeholders and key staff within DEQ and is not intended to be the only opportunity to interact and share your comments with staff – we welcome each of you to continue your dialogue with the appropriate Division contacts on an ongoing basis throughout the decision-making process on permits related to this project. Again, thank you all for taking time to attend this meeting today and sharing your comments with us.

• Overview of the Project – Lyn Hardison and Sarah Rice

Draft EIS - Approximately 186 miles of underground 36-inch outside diameter natural gas transmission pipeline in Northampton, Halifax, Nash, Wilson, Johnston, Sampson, Cumberland, and Robeson Counties, North Carolina. One compressor station in Northampton.

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Roundtable Discussion: (Facilitated by Lyn Hardison, Sarah ice and Tracy Davis)

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Topics by Agency & Group		
NCDEQ – Each Division will provide a brief overview of its respective permit programs related to the		
ACP project as well as its Point of Contact		
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- Next Steps Lyn Hardison, Sarah Rice, Tracy Davis
 - Discussion of DEQ findings and pre-permitting process DEQ will provide stakeholders a copy of the final written comments that DEQ submits to FERC
 - Discussion of how DEQ can provide updates to stakeholders on the status of permitting processes by each Division

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• Filing Comments with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission by the April 6, 2017 Deadline

Any person wishing to comment on the draft EIS may do so by April 6, 2017. To ensure consideration of your comments on the proposal in the final EIS, it is important that the Commission receive your comments within 90 days of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Federal Register issuance date. For your convenience, there are four methods you can use to submit your comments to the Commission. In all instances, please reference the appropriate docket numbers (CP14-554-001 and CP14-554-001 for ACP; CP15-555-000 for SHP; or CP15- 556-000 for Capacity Lease) with your submission. The Commission encourages electronic filing of comments and has expert staff available to assist you at (202) 502- 8258 or efiling@ferc.gov. Please carefully follow these instructions so that your comments are properly recorded.

1) You can file your comments electronically using the eComment feature on the Commission's website (www.ferc.gov) under the link to Documents and Filings. This is an easy method for submitting brief, text-only comments on a project.

2) You can file your comments electronically by using the eFiling feature on the Commission's website (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." If you are filing a comment on a project, please select "Comment on a Filing" as the filing type.

3) You can file a paper copy of your comments by mailing them to the following address: Nathaniel J. Davis, Sr., Deputy Secretary Federal Energy Regulatory Commission 888 First Street NE, Room 1A Washington, DC 20426 - 4 –

4) In lieu of sending written or electronic comments, the Commission invites you to attend one of the public meetings its staff will conduct in the project area to receive comments on the draft EIS. We encourage interested groups and individuals to attend and present oral comments on the draft EIS. The dates and locations of the comment meetings will be provided in the Notice of Availability that will be issued with this draft EIS.