

of mainline and three laterals totaling 3.8 miles. The project would also construct 2 compressor stations, 3 meter stations, 18 stand alone block valves (additional block valves would be collocated at other aboveground facility sites), and appurtenant facilities, and about 212 access roads. Mainline DG-1 would extend from the proposed Elk River Compressor Station adjacent to Dominion Transmission, Inc.'s existing Cornwell Compressor Station to the proposed Public Service Company of North Carolina, Inc., a South Carolina Corporation's compressor station near Stem, North Carolina. DG-1 would include 20-, 24-, and 30-inch-diameter pipeline. Lateral DG-2 would consist of 12-inch-diameter pipeline that extends from DG-1 to the proposed Somerset Meter Station near Roxboro, North Carolina. Lateral DG-3 would consist of 10-inch-diameter pipeline that extends from the end of DG-1 to the proposed Mountain Creek Meter Station near Butner, North Carolina. Lateral DG-4 would consist of 30-inch-diameter pipeline that would interconnect the proposed Transco Meter Station and the proposed Eden Compressor Station in Rockingham County, North Carolina.

The FEIS has been placed in the public files of the FERC and is available for distribution and public inspection at: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Public Reference and Files Maintenance Branch, 888 First Street, NE., Room 2A, Washington, DC 20426, (202) 502-8371. E-mail: [public.referenceroom@ferc.gov](mailto:public.referenceroom@ferc.gov).

A limited number of copies are available from the Public Reference and Files Maintenance Branch identified above. In addition, copies of the FEIS have been mailed to Federal, State, and local government agencies; elected officials, environmental and public interest groups; affected landowners who requested a copy of the FEIS; Native American tribes that might attach religious and cultural significance to historic properties in the area of potential effect; local libraries and newspapers; and the Commission's list of parties to this proceeding.

In accordance with the Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) regulations implementing the National Environmental Policy Act, no agency decision on a proposed action may be made until 30 days after the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency publishes a notice of availability of the FEIS. However, the CEQ regulations provide an exception to this rule when an agency decision is subject to a formal internal process which allows other agencies or the public to make their views known. In such cases, the agency

decision may be made at the same time the notice of the FEIS is published, allowing both periods to run concurrently. The Commission decision for this proposed action is subject to a 30-day rehearing period.

Additional information about the proposed project is available from the Commission's Office of External Affairs, at 1-866-208-3372 or on the FERC Internet Web site ([www.ferc.gov](http://www.ferc.gov)), using the "FERRIS" link to information in this docket number. Click on the "FERRIS" link, select "General Search" from the menu, and follow the instructions. For assistance, please contact FERC Online Support at [FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov](mailto:FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov) or toll free at 1-866-208-3676 or for TTY contact 1-202-502-8659. The FERRIS link on the FERC Internet Web site also provides access to the texts of formal documents issued by the Commission, such as orders, notices, and rulemakings.

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

**[Docket Nos. CP03-41-000 and CP03-43-000]**

#### **Dominion Transmission, Inc., Texas Eastern Transmission, LP; Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Assessment for the Proposed Mid-Atlantic Expansion Project and Dominion Expansion Project and Request for Comments on Environmental Issues**

February 28, 2003.

The staff of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC or Commission) will prepare an environmental assessment (EA) that will discuss the environmental impacts of the Mid-Atlantic Expansion and Dominion Expansion Projects (collectively referred to as the Projects) involving construction and operation of facilities by Dominion Transmission, Inc. (Dominion) and Texas Eastern Transmission, LP (Texas Eastern). Dominion would construct facilities in Wetzel County, West Virginia; Greene and Franklin Counties, Pennsylvania; and Loudoun and Fauquier Counties, Virginia. The facilities that would be constructed by Texas Eastern would be in Greene, Fayette, Somerset, Fulton,

and Franklin Counties, Pennsylvania.<sup>1</sup> Dominion's facilities would consist of 39,200 horsepower (hp) of new compression. Texas Eastern's facilities would consist of about 34.64 miles of 36-inch-diameter pipeline looping. This EA will be used by the Commission in its decision-making process to determine whether the Projects are in the public convenience and necessity.

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 proposed facilities. The pipeline company would seek to negotiate a mutually acceptable agreement. However, if the Projects are approved by the Commission, that approval conveys with it the right of eminent domain. Therefore, if easement negotiations fail to produce an agreement, the appropriate pipeline company could initiate condemnation proceedings 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?" was attached to each project's notice Dominion or Texas Eastern provided to landowners. 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. It is available for viewing on the FERC Internet Web site (<http://www.ferc.gov>).

#### **Summary of the Proposed Projects**

Dominion wants to expand the capacity of its facilities in Virginia, West Virginia, and Pennsylvania to transport an additional 223,000 dekatherms per day (Dth/d) of gas to fulfill requests for service to end users in Virginia. To transport this gas to Dominion, Texas Eastern proposes to construct facilities in Pennsylvania.

Dominion seeks authority to construct and operate:

- The new Mockingbird Hill Compressor Station which would include one 5,000-hp gas-fired compressor and related facilities near Pine Grove, Wetzel County, West Virginia;
- Additional compression at the existing Crayne Compressor Station in Greene County, Pennsylvania, including replacement of a 5,500-hp unit with a 7,800-hp gas-fired compressor, and upgrading an existing 6,500-hp unit to

<sup>1</sup> Dominion's and Texas Eastern's applications were filed with the Commission under section 7 of the Natural Gas Act and part 157 of the Commission's regulations.