

1  
2  
3  
4  
5  
6  
7  
8  
9  
10  
11  
12  
13  
14  
15  
16  
17  
18  
19  
20  
21  
22  
23  
24  
25

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION  
Office of Energy Projects

- - - - - x  
Columbia Gas Transmission, LLC      Docket No. CP16-357-000  
Columbia Gas Transmission, LLC      Docket No. CP16-361-000  
- - - - - x

MOUNTAINEER XPRESS PROJECT  
GULF XPRESS PROJECT

Ripley High School  
2 School Street  
Ripley, WV 25271

Tuesday, March 21, 2017

A public verbal comment session on the DEIS was held,  
pursuant to notice. starting at 5 o'clock p.m.

Reported by: Daniel Hawkins

1 P R O C E E D I N G S

2 VIVIAN STOCKMAN: My name is Vivian Stockman. V  
3 I V I A N, S T O C K M A N. Do you need a title or anything  
4 like that? I'm a, well, these are my personal comments. I  
5 work for the Ohio Valley Environmental Coalition and we will  
6 be submitting longer technical comments.

7 My first request is that we please have an  
8 extension of the comment period. It was just several days  
9 ago that several people got either the hard copy or the CD  
10 version, and there's definitely not enough time to go  
11 through the 500-plus pages, even with the April 24th  
12 deadline. I would request please, an extension of the  
13 comment period so we can really dive deep.

14 I would like to say that I think the DEIS on the  
15 MXP fails to address the cumulative impacts on air, water,  
16 land, and communities in regards to other oil and gas  
17 activities that would be added into this proposed activity  
18 in cumulative effects. For instance, the Markwest Plant in  
19 Doddridge county, I believe, is ignored; the compressor  
20 stations along, that already exist, are ignored. There's  
21 lots more that just seems to be ignored.

22 The DEIS says: in accordance with NEPA we  
23 considered the cumulative impacts of the MXP and the GXP and  
24 other projects or actions in the area of each, but then it  
25 goes on to say, we recognize that the oil and gas

1 exploration and production activities are ubiquitous in many  
2 of the counties crossed by the MXP. Oil and gas natural  
3 exploration activities can include, yada yada, it goes on,  
4 but it says: We have not examined the impacts associated  
5 with these activities to the same extent as the other  
6 projects -- identified in a table in there -- because the  
7 status, scale, and timing of these facilities are unknown.

8           Frankly, that was a jaw dropper. That's truly a  
9 lame excuse. If FERC is going to bother to look, it will  
10 find these quote, unquote, "unknowns." For instance, the  
11 DEP Office of Oil and Gas has air quality information on  
12 boatloads of oil pads and compressor stations in the, you  
13 know, within the required radius for the cumulative impacts  
14 of this proposed pipeline. And the DEIS should not ignore  
15 this data and it should be considered; and really to say  
16 they are unknown is just ludicrous.

17           Throughout the DEIS there are statements that  
18 this or this impact will be, quote, "minimal," unquote. For  
19 instance, there's a statement, emissions generated during  
20 operation of the pipeline portion of the MXP would be  
21 minimal, limited to those from maintenance vehicles and  
22 equipment and fugitive emissions. I just don't see how one  
23 can conclude that the assorted activities declared to have  
24 minimal impact would, in fact, have minimal impact, without  
25 any considerations of the cumulative impacts.

1           So, I think that's a major path and major fail.  
2 I also note that the Ceredo compressor station would have  
3 three huge electrical engines. The DEIS should factor in  
4 the air pollution and greenhouse gas load that these engines  
5 will create at the supplying power plant.

6           Let's see, there's others; I'm not going to go  
7 into much more, but one thing I would like to point out and  
8 then I'll shut up is the DEIS fails to examine the real  
9 possibility of overcapacity, too many pipelines built with  
10 too little available gas to move the pipelines. That would  
11 certainly be something in the bigger picture that the DEIS  
12 should examine. And then the climate change impacts from  
13 these proposed pipelines, coupled with all the proposed  
14 pipelines in our region should be a major factor of the  
15 DEIS, but the DEIS fails to examine what these proposed  
16 pipeline build outs will have, what effect they'll have in  
17 terms of increasing climate change.

18           Methane and other emissions resulting from the  
19 increased drilling of the state shale field in this, which  
20 would be brought on by having these exporting pipelines  
21 built would contribute significantly to global climate  
22 change and these should be considered in the DEIS.

23           And I'll leave it at that. There's a lot more  
24 but we'll get to those in our written comments.

25           RICHARD GIVEN: My name is Richard Given, G I V E

1 N. And the concern I have is a reroute; and I just talked  
2 to the Columbia guy and showed him where it was. It's  
3 located along, or it crosses what's on the map as Givens Oak  
4 Road. It's locally known as Wolf Creek Road. And they  
5 basically have the pipeline going through part of my  
6 property on one side of a ridge and I want it moved to the  
7 other side of the ridge.

8                   And I discussed it with a land man named Anthony  
9 Capp and he was supposed to set up a meeting and get back  
10 with me, and we would see if that was feasible to move the  
11 pipeline. The concern I have was one thing, it's going  
12 through a slip, an old slip where they have it right now.  
13 And where I would like for the pipeline to go, it would  
14 actually straighten it out -- it would be better for them, I  
15 think. And better for me because it would take up less  
16 usable pasture field or less land.

17                   That's my concern. So, what else do you need to  
18 know? That it? So, that will be part of the record and  
19 then -- well, I mean, this guy told me he would get back to  
20 me. So, I'm sure he will.

21                   (Pause)

22                   (Whereupon at 8 o'clock p.m., the verbal comment  
23 session concluded.)

24

25

## 1 CERTIFICATE OF OFFICIAL REPORTER

2

3 This is to certify that the attached proceeding  
4 before the FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION in the  
5 Matter of:

6 Name of Proceeding:

7 MOUNTAINEER XPRESS PROJECT

8 GULF XPRESS PROJECT

9

10

11

12

13

14

15 Docket No.: CP16-357-000 & CP16-361-000

16 Place: Ripley, WV

17 Date: March 21, 2017

18 were held as herein appears, and that this is the original  
19 transcript thereof for the file of the Federal Energy  
20 Regulatory Commission, and is a full correct transcription  
21 of the proceedings.

22

23

24

Daniel Hawkins

25

Official Reporter

1

2

3

4

5

6

7

8

9

10

11

12

13

14

15

16

17

18

19

20

21

22

23

24

25

1  
2  
3  
4  
5  
6  
7  
8  
9  
10  
11  
12  
13  
14  
15  
16  
17  
18  
19  
20  
21  
22  
23  
24  
25

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION  
Office of Energy Projects

- - - - - x  
Columbia Gas Transmission, LLC      Docket No. CP16-357-000  
Columbia Gas Transmission, LLC      Docket No. CP16-361-000  
- - - - - x

MOUNTAINEER XPRESS PROJECT  
GULF XPRESS PROJECT

Ripley High School  
2 School Street  
Ripley, WV 25271

Tuesday, March 21, 2017

A public verbal comment session on the DEIS was held,  
pursuant to notice. starting at 5 o'clock p.m.

Reported by: Gaynell Catherine



1 P R O C E E D I N G S

2 (5:00 p.m.)

3 MR. DOUGLASS: My name is William Douglass that's  
4 W-i-l-l-i-a-m and D-o-u-g-l-a-s-s and I'm with Reserve Oil  
5 and Gas. So I work for an independent oil and gas producer  
6 based in Roane County and I want to speak to the pipeline  
7 project today.

8 And that West Virginia has been blessed with  
9 abundant natural resources and the Marcellus shale was a big  
10 boom for the state. It led to basically the discovery of  
11 oil and gas reserves that equal Russia or Saudi Arabia now  
12 so it is a great asset for the state of West Virginia.

13 But what has happened as a result of that boom is  
14 now there has been a slight bust in prices for oil and gas  
15 in West Virginia and it has affected small producers like us  
16 in that we have had bankruptcies -- there has been layoffs  
17 of many producers and the service companies that work in the  
18 industry also.

19 So it has hurt the economy of West Virginia due  
20 to the price decrease and that was mainly because the boom  
21 led to the oversupply of gas. Marcellus gas become -- there  
22 was an oversupply in West Virginia, a bottleneck of being  
23 able to get that gas out because of the aging infrastructure  
24 of the pipelines.

25 So there are only two things that can help with

1 that to get the price back up. That would be to create  
2 demand in West Virginia which is being worked on whether  
3 there be a cracker plant or a natural gas fired power plants  
4 and some of those are in the studies or in the discussions.

5 But the other way would be to create new pipeline  
6 infrastructure to get rid of that bottleneck and get the gas  
7 out to market where there is a demand for it and the prices  
8 would therefore increase.

9 And drilling activity and employment would result  
10 for West Virginia producers. So that's why we support the  
11 pipeline projects of this nature because it will help the  
12 producers get back to drilling. It will help employment  
13 prospects in West Virginia and as a result it will help  
14 affect the budget crisis we are facing in West Virginia  
15 which as a result of lower drilling, lower revenues from oil  
16 and gas that's why we are having such a budget deficit now  
17 in West Virginia.

18 So projects like this are just one means to help  
19 the overall economy and get us back on track. So we fully  
20 support such pipeline projects including this one.

21 MR. PRITT: My name is Jim Pritt, I'm with  
22 Intervest Operating LLC. P-r-i-t-t. And I'm currently  
23 serving in the capacity of the regulatory manager for the  
24 company. We operate about 42,000 wells all over the United  
25 States.

1           We are the largest operator of shallow wells  
2 across the country. I have been working -- I work out of  
3 Charleston, West Virginia office and I have been actively --  
4 the reason I am here today is to show -- is to show our  
5 support for these two projects the Mountaineer Xpress  
6 Project as well as the Gulf Xpress Project.

7           The Mountaineer Xpress Project carrying 2.7 B of  
8 gas out of the basin is very critical to the development and  
9 infrastructure development of the region. We currently have  
10 a negative basis in the region until the pipelines are built  
11 out we are going to be faced with that negative base until  
12 the rest of the pipelines are built out.

13           Priority we have the 18th Rover has been  
14 approved, Trans-Canada, Leach, Sunoco's Mariner East Line  
15 which is very important to the liquids market. Waiting of  
16 FERC approved orders the ACP line, Mountain Valley Pipeline,  
17 Atlantic Sunrise in the pecking order of which we would like  
18 to have.

19           Our wish list is the Mountaineer Xpress Pipeline  
20 is 7th on our list followed by last but not least is the  
21 Nexus Pipeline. All of these pipelines together will carry  
22 a lot of gas out of the basin and improve our pricing.

23           Of course we would like to allow this gas to stay  
24 in the basin but that is another matter for another day for  
25 when we get the downstream infrastructure built out. So

1 with that I just re-emphasize the need for the pipelines to  
2 be built out at the Appalachian Basin to create jobs for all  
3 of our folks, to improve our quality of life and to make  
4 this region basically the NGL natural gas capital of the  
5 world.

6           Once that is done I might live to see it. I'm 62  
7 years old, I might not live to see it all develop but it is  
8 nice to know that it has started. So 20 to 25 years from  
9 now the quality of life for all the folks in the Appalachian  
10 Region will be much better and that's all I have.

11           (Whereupon the meeting was adjourned at 8:00  
12 p.m.)

13

14

15

16

17

18

19

20

21

22

23

24

25

## 1 CERTIFICATE OF OFFICIAL REPORTER

2

3 This is to certify that the attached proceeding  
4 before the FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION in the  
5 Matter of:

6 Name of Proceeding:

7 MOUNTAINEER XPRESS PROJECT

8 GULF XPRESS PROJECT

9

10

11

12

13

14

15 Docket No.: CP16-357-000 &amp; CP16-361-000

16 Place: Ripley, WV

17 Date: March 21, 2017

18 were held as herein appears, and that this is the original  
19 transcript thereof for the file of the Federal Energy  
20 Regulatory Commission, and is a full correct transcription  
21 of the proceedings.

22

23

24 Gaynell Catherine

25 Official Reporter