

### Land Requirements for Construction

Construction of the proposed facilities would disturb about 106 acres of land for the aboveground facilities and the pipeline. Following construction, PennEast would maintain about 39.7 acres for permanent operation of the project's facilities; the remaining acreage would be restored and revert to former uses. About 39 percent of the proposed pipeline route would parallel existing pipeline, utility, or road rights-of-way.

### The EA Process

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

- Geology and soils;
- water resources and wetlands;
- vegetation and wildlife;
- threatened and endangered species;
- cultural resources;
- land use;
- air quality and noise;
- public safety; and
- cumulative impacts.

Commission staff will also evaluate reasonable alternatives to the proposed project or portions of the project, and make recommendations on how to lessen or avoid impacts on the various resource areas.

The EA will present Commission staffs' independent analysis of the issues. The EA will be available in electronic format in the public record through eLibrary<sup>2</sup> and the Commission's website (<https://www.ferc.gov/industries/gas/enviro/eis.asp>). If eSubscribed, you will receive instant email notification when the EA is issued. The EA may be issued for an allotted public comment period. Commission staff will consider all comments on the EA before making recommendations to the Commission. To ensure Commission staff have the opportunity to address your comments, please carefully follow the instructions in the Public Participation section, beginning on page 2.

With this notice, the Commission is asking agencies with jurisdiction by law and/or special expertise with respect to the environmental issues of this project to formally cooperate in the preparation of the EA.<sup>3</sup> Agencies that would like to

notice in the mail and are available at [www.ferc.gov](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.

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<sup>3</sup>The Council on Environmental Quality regulations addressing cooperating agency

request cooperating agency status should follow the instructions for filing comments provided under the Public Participation section of this notice.

### Consultation 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, the Commission is using this notice to initiate consultation with the applicable State Historic Preservation Office, and to solicit their views and those of other government agencies, interested Native American tribes, and the public on the project's potential effects on historic properties.<sup>4</sup> The EA for this project will document findings on the impacts on historic properties and summarize the status of consultations under section 106.

### Currently Identified Environmental Issues

Commission staff have already identified several issues that deserve attention based on a preliminary review of the proposed facilities and the environmental information provided by PennEast. This preliminary list of issues may be changed based on your comments and our analysis.

- Safety;
- threatened and endangered species;
- water resources and wetlands;
- Appalachian National Scenic Trail crossing;
- preserved lands; and
- arsenic and geologic resources.

### 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. Commission staff will update the environmental mailing list as the analysis proceeds to

responsibilities are at Title 40, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 1501.6.

<sup>4</sup>The Advisory Council on Historic Preservation's regulations are at Title 36, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 800. Those regulations define historic properties as any prehistoric or historic district, site, building, structure, or object included in or eligible for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places.

ensure that Commission notices related to this environmental review are sent to all individuals, organizations, and government entities interested in and/or potentially affected by the proposed project.

If the Commission issues the EA for an allotted public comment period, a *Notice of Availability* of the EA will be sent to the environmental mailing list and will provide instructions to access the electronic document on the FERC's website ([www.ferc.gov](http://www.ferc.gov)). If you need to make changes to your name/address, or if you would like to remove your name from the mailing list, please return the attached "Mailing List Update Form" (appendix 2).

### 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 website at [www.ferc.gov](http://www.ferc.gov) using the eLibrary link. Click on the eLibrary link, click on "General Search" and enter the docket number in the "Docket Number" field, excluding the last three digits (*i.e.*, CP19-78). Be sure you have selected an appropriate date range. For assistance, please contact FERC Online Support at [FercOnlineSupport@ferc.gov](mailto:FercOnlineSupport@ferc.gov) or (866) 208-3676, or for TTY, contact (202) 502-8659. The eLibrary link also provides access to the texts of all formal documents issued by the Commission, such as orders, notices, and rulemakings.

Public sessions or site visits will be posted on the Commission's calendar located at [www.ferc.gov/EventCalendar/EventsList.aspx](http://www.ferc.gov/EventCalendar/EventsList.aspx) along with other related information.

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**Kimberly D. Bose,**  
*Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 2195-161]

#### Portland General Electric Company; Notice of Availability of Environmental Assessment

In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 and the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's (Commission) regulations, 18 CFR part 380 (Order No. 486, 52 FR 47897), the Office of Energy Projects has reviewed an application

submitted by Portland General Electric Company (licensee) to demolish and reconstruct the Faraday powerhouse. The project is located on the Oak Grove Fork of the Clackamas River and the mainstem of the Clackamas River in Clackamas County, Oregon. The project occupies federal lands within the Mt. Hood National Forest, under the jurisdiction of the U.S. Forest Service, and a reservation of the U.S. Department of Interior's Bureau of Land Management.

An environmental assessment (EA) has been prepared as part of staff's review of the proposal. In the application the licensee proposes to improve the Faraday development by demolishing the existing powerhouse and constructing a new powerhouse to increase its seismic stability, installing flood protection structures to prevent flooding during high flow events, and replacing the five old turbines with two modern units, without any change to the authorized installed or hydraulic capacities of the Project.

The EA contains Commission staff's analysis of the probable environmental effects of the proposed action and concludes that approval of the proposal would not constitute a major federal action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment.

The EA is available for review and reproduction at the Commission's Public Reference Room, located at 888 First Street NE, Room 2A, Washington, DC 20426. The EA may also be viewed on the Commission's website at <http://www.ferc.gov> using the "eLibrary" link. Enter the docket number (P-2195) in the docket number field to access the document. For assistance, contact FERC Online Support at [FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov](mailto:FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov) or toll-free at 1-866-208-3372, or for TTY, (202) 502-865.

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP19-14-000]

#### Mountain Valley Pipeline, LLC; Notice of Schedule for Environmental Review of The MVP Southgate Project

On November 6, 2018, Mountain Valley Pipeline, LLC (Mountain Valley) filed an application in Docket No.

CP19-14-000 requesting a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity pursuant to Section 7(c) of the Natural Gas Act to construct, operate, and maintain certain natural gas pipeline facilities. The proposed project is known as the MVP Southgate Project (Project) and is intended to diversify the supply and provide additional capacity of natural gas to the southeast United States by providing North Carolina and Virginia with access to natural gas supplies from the Marcellus and Utica gas regions.

On November 19, 2018, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC or Commission) issued its Notice of Application for the Project. Among other things, that notice alerted other agencies issuing federal authorizations of the requirement to complete all necessary reviews and to reach a final decision on the request for a federal authorization within 90 days of the date of issuance of the Commission staff's final Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Project. This instant notice identifies the FERC staff's planned schedule for completion of the final EIS for the Project, which is based on an issuance of the draft EIS in July 2019.

#### Schedule for Environmental Review

Issuance of Notice of Availability of the final EIS December 19, 2019  
90-day Federal Authorization Decision Deadline March 18, 2020

If a schedule change becomes necessary for the final EIS, an additional notice will be provided so that the relevant agencies are kept informed of the Project's progress.

#### Project Description

Mountain Valley proposes to construct: (i) About 73 miles of new 24-inch- and 16-inch-diameter pipeline in Pittsylvania County, Virginia; and Rockingham and Alamance Counties, North Carolina; (ii) the 28,915 horsepower Lambert Compressor Station in Pittsylvania County, Virginia; and (iii) associated valves, piping, pig launching and receiving facilities, and appurtenant facilities. The proposed Project facilities commence near the City of Chatham, in Pittsylvania County and terminate at a delivery point with Public Service Company of North Carolina, Inc. near the City of Graham in Alamance County. The Project is designed to transport 375 million cubic feet per day.

#### Background

On May 15, 2018, the Commission staff granted Mountain Valley's request to use the FERC's pre-filing environmental review process and

assigned the Project Docket No. PF18-4-000. On August 9, 2018, the Commission issued a *Notice of Intent to Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement for the Planned MVP Southgate Project, Request for Comments on Environmental Issues, and Notice of Public Scoping Sessions* (NOI).

The NOI was issued during the pre-filing review of the Project and was sent to federal, state, and local government agencies; elected officials; affected landowners; environmental and public interest groups; Native American tribes and regional organizations; commentors and other interested parties; and local libraries and newspapers. Major issues raised during scoping include project need, water quality degradation, environmental impacts, and private property rights and valuation. All substantive comments will be addressed in the EIS. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service are cooperating agencies in the preparation of the EIS.

#### Additional Information

In order to receive notification of the issuance of the EIS and to keep track of all formal issuances and submittals in specific dockets, the Commission offers a free service called eSubscription. 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 [www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/subscription.asp](http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/subscription.asp).

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