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fyi - While a month old it does provide some interesting information about individual national park authority.

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From the Dec. 15, 2014 meeting with ACP.

Trudy

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From: Laura Belleville <lbelleville@appalachiantrail.org>

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Lenny, Judy, and Trudy,

See notes from a meeting with Dominion today. I wanted to keep your committees and RPC in the loop. Let me know if you have any questions.

We also have a meeting with Mountain Valley on Wed., at least Andrew does. I hope to join him.

We'll need to get on the same page with clubs and partners regarding our comments for both Atlantic Coast and Mountain Valley.

Laura

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From: **Andrew Downs** <adowns@appalachiantrail.org>

Date: Mon, Dec 15, 2014 at 3:26 PM

Subject: Re: Summary - meeting with Dominion

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Laura, thanks for the summary, I will just add a feeling we got from the Dominion folks when Laura mentioned the cumulative impacts of the 10 currently proposed pipelines and potential for future proposals. They said that they would be very surprised if all 10 of the proposals made it to construction. Further, they seemed to suggest that once a pipeline got up and running, there could be a significant impact on the demand for additional projects, even those that are already 'in the hopper'.

On Mon, Dec 15, 2014 at 2:52 PM, Laura Belleville <lbelleville@appalachiantrail.org> wrote:

Wendy and Mary,

Andrew and I met with representatives from Dominion this morning to discuss the proposed Atlantic Coast Pipeline. Attending from Dominion were:

Ann Loomis

William Scarpinato

Brian Wilson

Robert Bisha

Dominion provided us with background about the project including broader scale and finer scale maps. They offered a printed overview of the project that outlined project need, timeline, regulatory process/ expected timeline, public participation process, permitting and info on upcoming pre-filing open houses. They also had a copy of the letter they sent to you, Wendy, dated August 12, 2014.

I thought the meeting was very informative. We re-iterated that APPA does not have permitting authority for the pipeline and emphasized that because of this APPA has not been meeting directly with utility interests. Dominion is very interested in having a meeting with APPA. They referenced land swaps as an option and probed us about ATC's potential role. We indicated that we have not done such swaps and that we do not have NPS direction to engage in that. Andrew and I did note before the meeting that the parcel ACP is proposed to cross was acquired by APPA and transferred to BLRI. We assumed that the inability to permit stayed with the parcel, as it has with lands transferred to USFS. **Could you please confirm that is the case?** Dominion assumed there was no permitting authority on this parcel. They sent a map layer to the Denver Service Center, to Cory (didn't catch last name).

They have met with BLRI landscape architect. They anticipate boring under the Parkway using new technology (HDD) and would also look at boring under the A.T. if they get passed the permit/land swap issue. To be honest, they didn't seem to suggest that the lack

of NPS permit authority is a big deal.

William S. provided an overview of their approach to deal with viewshed impacts from both the BLRI and A.T. near the proposed crossing. They appreciated that this is a big deal.

We discussed details of their preferred route, including potential viewshed impacts and their interest in boring under the A.T. We also discussed cumulative impacts and bigger picture issues down the line which is adding to the growth of the natural gas industry -- RGGI states, Fed standards, NERC, 2020 targets. Dominion reps did not think that all lines would be developed, especially given the high expense of the EIS. FERC is hiring a 3rd party to conduct develop EIS for all proposed lines.

I highlighted that we are concerned with fragmenting large forest blocks. They indicated that several other agencies have also cited this concern (USFWS, DCR). There was also a reference to the Migratory Bird Treaty Act and their attempt to get far enough along with their proposal before anticipated updates to this law. I wasn't clear what they were referring to here and it would be worth some homework. We also spoke about invasive species and ORVs. Bill indicated that FERC requires an invasive species management plan with the application. They are not permitted to use herbicides as part of the plan.

We also discussed methane leakage. They admitted to a need to work on that and the possibility of new EPA regs. It sounded like they are looking at the line construction and minimizing leakage.

Since the pipeline route crosses two different federally owned lands, BLM has a lead role to coordinate the cooperating agencies, which I found interesting.

We discussed ATC connections to communities through our community designation program and acknowledged that Nelson County, an A.T. Community, has passed a resolution opposing ACP. We also noted that we are developing a guidance document/policy regarding pipeline developments across the A.T.

Ann asked us about parcels in the area, or in VA, that we are looking to acquire. We did note that we were lobbying for LWCF to acquire the remaining interests in the Laurel Springs parcel. We also highlighted that we have a longstanding priority acquisition list that was jointly developed with USFS. Bill was very interested in that list.

They reiterated their interest in meeting with APPA as we closed the meeting.

That's about it -- Andrew please weigh in with anything I may have left out.

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