



The Atlantic Coast Pipeline and The Mountain Valley Pipeline

Atlantic Coast Pipeline (ACP):

- Dominion Energy, Duke Energy, Piedmont Natural Gas and Southern Company Gas. Approximately 600 miles, it will carry natural gas derived from fracking in West VA to VA and NC.
- It starts in W. VA, crosses VA, one branch goes to Norfolk and the other ends in NC. It would pass through the Monongahela and George Washington National Forests and cross both the Appalachian Trail and Blue Ridge Parkway
- It would cross these counties: Highland, Bath, Augusta, Nelson, Buckingham, Cumberland, Prince Edward, Nottoway, Dinwiddie, Brunswick, Greenville, Southampton, Suffolk, Chesapeake (ends in Norfolk)
- Approximately 2 miles of ridgeline would be removed in the George Washington National Forest in western Highland County.⁽¹⁾ But Chesapeake Climate Action Network and other groups say a close analysis of Dominion's plans show it will need to "decapitate" 38 miles of mountain ridges.⁽²⁾
- The ACP pipeline will cross roughly 2,900 private properties. ⁽²⁾
- Dominion has reached mutual lease agreements with more than 65% of landowners. It will use "eminent domain" to gain access to others, if necessary. ⁽²⁾
- Opponent's issues are: environmental damage, property rights, water supplies and if Virginia really needs the gas. There are several lawsuits that have been filed over these issues.
- Benefits, according to the website www.atlanticcoastpipeline.com, are: 17,240 jobs will be created during construction, new industries will come to the region, consumers will save an estimated \$377 million annually on their utilities and it will meet the energy needs of VA.
- Governor McAuliffe supports both pipelines because it will create jobs.
- Democratic candidate Northam has not committed.
- Republican candidate Ed Gillespie supports it. The entire Hampton Roads Delegation, including 13 Democrats and 20 Republicans support it. ⁽²⁾
- On July 21, 2017, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) issued a favorable review, moving the pipeline a big step closer to the start of construction.

Mountain Valley Pipeline (MVP)

- EQT Midstream Partners, LP; NextEra US Gas Assets, LLC; Con Edison Transmission, Inc.; WGL Midstream; and RGC Midstream, LLC.
- Approximately 300 miles, it will go from northwestern West Virginia to southern Virginia.
- It would pass through these counties: Franklin, Giles, Montgomery, Pittsylvania and Roanoke.
- At peak employment, the MVP project is expected to contribute more than 4,400 jobs to the Virginia economy.⁽³⁾
- On June 26, 2017, FERC issued a final environmental impact statement concluding the 300-mile project may go forward without excessive impacts.⁽⁴⁾
- <http://pipelineupdate.org/2017/04/28/a-bad-route-and-a-bad-plan/>
- (2) <http://www.utilitydive.com/news/atlantic-coast-pipeline-in-the-homestretch-despite-continued-protests/444788>
- (3) <https://www.mountainvalleypipeline.info/overview>
- (4) [http://www.utilitydive.com/news/ferc-staff-greenlights-mountain-valley-pipeline-in-environmental-review/445846/;](http://www.utilitydive.com/news/ferc-staff-greenlights-mountain-valley-pipeline-in-environmental-review/445846/)