

## RECENT ACTIVITY

On October 24, 2012 and November 21, 2012, Constitution filed their responses to comments received during the scoping period. Copies of their responses to comments are available in FERC's eLibrary and can be accessed through the website listed on the back page. Constitution plans to file draft resource reports in late February 2013 that will describe the proposed facilities, potential impacts to environmental resources, and the mitigation measures proposed to minimize those impacts.

## NEXT STEPS

The next steps in the pre-filing process will include the FERC staff review of the draft resource reports; continued consultation with federal and state agencies; and the identification of additional information that needs to be included in the Constitution's application to address environmental issues and stakeholder concerns.

We will continue to engage in these pre-filing activities until the formal application is filed, which is anticipated to be in June 2013. After the application is filed, we will evaluate the adequacy of the application and begin to prepare the draft EIS.

## YOUR INPUT IS VALUED

The comments we've received so far have helped the environmental staff identify and begin evaluation of the potential impacts of the proposed project. Please stay involved and consider filing comments on the draft EIS when it is available. Your comments will help ensure that the final EIS is comprehensive.



View of agricultural land in Schoharie County, NY

## HOW TO STAY INFORMED

Go to the FERC website at <http://www.ferc.gov>. Click on the eLibrary link, click on "General Search," and enter Docket No. PF12-9. 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 toll free at 1-866-208-3676. For TTY, contact 202-502-8659.

In addition, the FERC offers a free service called eSubscription that allows you to keep track of all issuances and submittals for specific dockets. Using this service can reduce the amount of time you spend monitoring the website by automatically providing you with electronic notification when new items are posted and providing direct links to the documents. To register for this service, go to <http://www.ferc.gov/esubscribenow.htm>.

While we believe that the Internet is the best way to stay informed of the Project, we realize that not everyone has Internet access. From this point forward, issuances by the FERC environmental staff, including the draft and final EIS, will be mailed to all interested parties on the environmental mailing list in either hard copy or compact disc format.



Example of a restored right-of-way on the Appalachian Gateway Project in Pennsylvania

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## PROJECT UPDATE TOWN CLERK FOR THE PROPOSED CONSTITUTION PIPELINE PROJECT (PF12-9)

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## PURPOSE

The purpose of this mailing is to provide you with an update on the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's (FERC or Commission) environmental review of the proposed Constitution Pipeline Project, explain our review process, share with you the issues identified during scoping, and give you an idea of what's coming up next.

## PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Constitution Pipeline Company, LLC (Constitution) proposes to construct and operate approximately 120 miles of pipeline, four metering and regulating (M&R) stations, 8 main line valves, and a pig launcher and receiver in Susquehanna County, Pennsylvania and Broome, Chenango, Delaware, and Schoharie Counties, New York. The project would transport natural gas from Susquehanna County, Pennsylvania to the existing Wright Compressor Station in Schoharie County, New York.

## PROJECT HISTORY

On April 5, 2012, Constitution filed a request with the Commission to initiate pre-filing review of the project. The Commission approved Constitution's request on April 16, 2012, assigning Docket No. PF12-9-000 to the project. Since April 2012, we have attended public open houses; participated in meetings with agencies, public officials, and other stakeholders; and conducted public scoping to identify issues and concerns.

## WHERE WE ARE IN THE REVIEW PROCESS

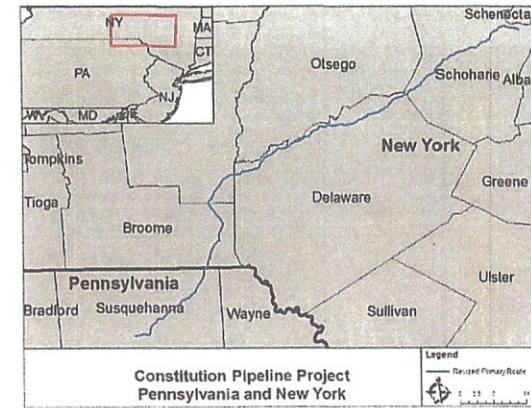
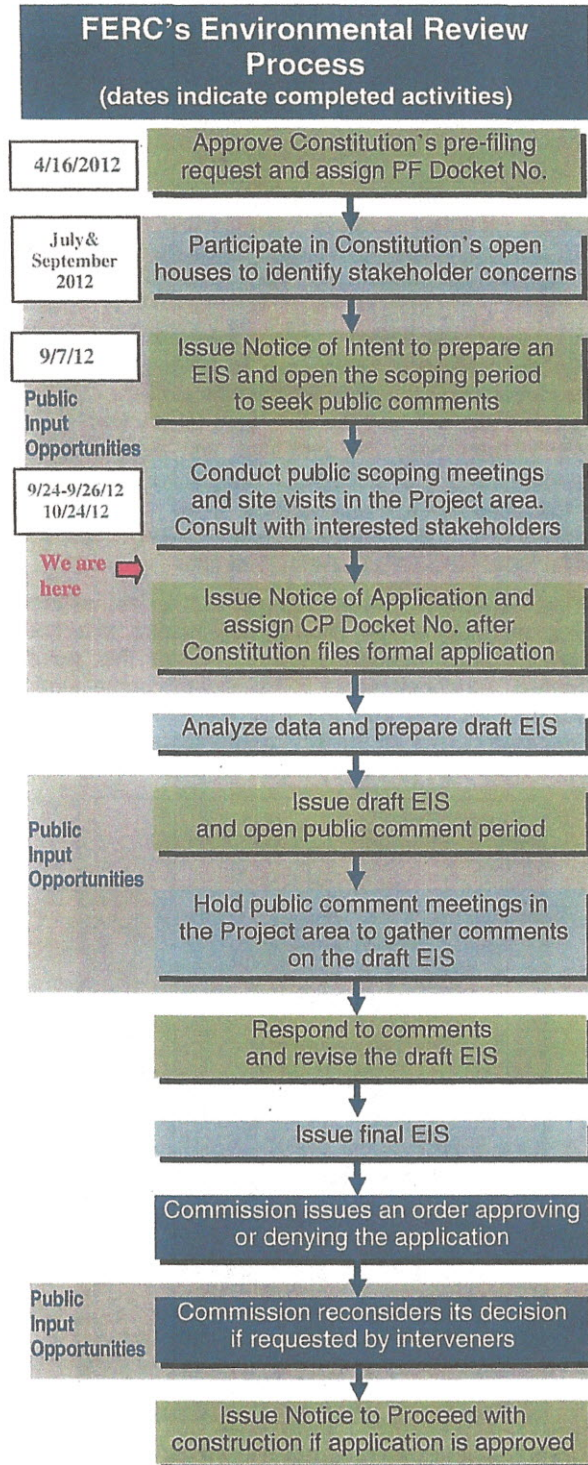
The FERC is the lead federal agency responsible for the environmental review of this project, and we are working with other federal, state, and local agencies to complete an environmental review that meets the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). Currently, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (New York and Pennsylvania Field Offices), and New York State Department of Agriculture & Markets are cooperating agencies for the development of the environmental impact statement (EIS).

To date, we have attended Constitution's seven Open House meetings and held four Public Scoping Meetings. Transcripts from the scoping meetings have been posted to the public record for the project and are available through the FERC's website ([www.ferc.gov](http://www.ferc.gov)).

Presently, we are conducting our environmental analysis of the proposed project in concert with the cooperating agencies. In addition to the project data filed by Constitution, we are analyzing information that has been filed by other stakeholders and commentors in the proceeding. We have received many specific comments about the proposed project from resource agencies, individuals, elected officials, and affected landowners.

The results of our analysis, including all of the substantive issues identified by commentors, will be addressed in the draft EIS. The draft EIS will describe the proposed facilities and construction methods, identify environmental resources and potential impacts, and evaluate proposed mitigation. It will also identify and evaluate alternatives, analyze impacts on public safety, and recommend additional mitigation and/or conservation measures to further reduce impacts on the affected environment.

The flow chart shows where we currently are in our environmental review and the next steps in the process.



Project Route Map

## ISSUES IDENTIFIED TO DATE

To date we've received over 1,000 comments from interested stakeholders. The following list identifies some of the many issues and concerns that have been raised during the scoping period for this project:

- Project purpose and need
- Evaluation of alternatives to the project, including use of existing pipeline systems
- Cumulative impacts
- Impacts on air quality and noise from the construction and operation of the proposed facilities
- Impacts on public water supplies and groundwater
- Public safety during construction and operation of the project
- Social and economic concerns
  - environmental justice
  - property values
  - tax revenues
- Natural resource concerns
  - fish and wildlife and their habitat
  - vegetation
- Impacts on agriculture
- Impacts resulting from karst terrain