# VIRGINIA STATE CORPORATION **COMMISSION (SCC) APPROVAL PROCESS**



138 KV TRANSMISSION LINES AND ABOVE: APPROXIMATELY 8 - 12 MONTHS (TYPICAL)

### **FILE WITH SCC**

# DAY 1:

The Applicant ("Appalachian") Submits its Transmission Line Application to the SCC

- · Includes route selection and environmental reports and related maps and exhibits
- · Posted at www.aeptransmission.com and www.scc.virginia.gov/case/

# DAY 30:

Application Accepted by SCC and Scheduling Order Issued

· Hearing dates set

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#### Public Notice

- · Local Newspaper
- Published twice in two successive weeks
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# DAY 30 TO 120:

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### STATE AGENCY REVIEWS

### DAY 30 TO 90:

State Agency Environmental Reviews

· Under the direction of the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ), the environmental review of the project

### DAY 30 TO 150:

#### **Public Comments**

- · Electronically by following the instructions at www.scc.virginia.gov/case/PublicComments.aspx
- · In writing to the SCC Clerk

# DAY 30 TO 90:

#### Participation as a Respondent

· Any person or entity may file with the Commission Clerk a notice of participation. The respondent/particpiant may then file testimony and exhibits by which it expects to establish its case.

#### DAY 120:

SCC Staff Report Issued

# DAY 30 TO 90:

Appalachian's Rebuttal Testimony and

- · Response to testimony of participants
- Response to SCC Staff Report

# **SCC HEARING & CONCLUSIONS**

#### DAY 150:

#### Public Hearing

· Individual oral public comments accepted

# DAY 150:

# Formal Evedentiary Hearing

· Review of evidence by the applicant, respondents/particpiants and SCC Staff

#### DAY 230:

Hearing Examiner's Report Issued to the commission

# DAY 260:

#### Comments on Hearing Examiner's Report

· By applicant, respondent/particpiant and SCC Staff concerning Hearing Examiner's Report

# DAY 300:

#### SCC Order Entered

- The Commission determines, as required by Virginia Code §§ 56-46.1 and 265.2, that the project is needed and reasonably avoids adverse impact on the environ-
- · The Commission grants Appalachian a certificate of public convenience and necessity ("CPCN") under the Utility Facilities Act.

Appeal to State Supreme Court

# FAQ

# What is the VA SCC?

The SCC has regulatory authority over electrical utilities in Virginia. Its authority ranges from setting rates charged by investor-owned utilities to certifying transmission facilities.

# What lines need VA SCC certification?

Virginia law requires 138 kV and larger transmission facilities to be certified by the

What are the SCC's responsibilities?

The overall responsibility of the SCC is to determine if the project is needed andreasonably avoids adverse impact on the environment.

# **HOW DO I VOICE MY CONCERNS?**

#### In Writing

You can attend a **Public Workshop** and fill out a comment form, write directly to the SCC Clerk, or visit the Appalachian or SCC website(s) to file comments electronically (www.aeptransmission.com/ or http://www.scc.virginia.gov/case/PublicComments.aspx).

# By Phone or In-Person

The **Appalachian website** will have a number to call to phone comments in, or if a Public Hearing is established, you may attend and sign up to express concerns directly to the Hearing Examiner.

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<sup>\*</sup>This is a conceptual diagram to illustrate the certification process and is in no means to be interpreted as a legal description.

<sup>\*</sup>Hypothetical timeline shown. Timeline is affected by many variables, which are impossible to foresee.