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

Day 30: Public Notice

- Local Newspaper
- Published twice in two successive weeks
- Appalachian required to notify public, local governments and affected landowners

Day 30 to 120: Preparation of SCC Staff Report

- SCC Staff review
 - Interrogatory questions for applicant

State Agency Reviews

Day 30 to 90:

State Agency Environmental Reviews Begin

 Under the direction of the Department of Enviromental Quality (DEQ), the environmental review of the project impacts

Day 30 to 150:

Public Comments

- Electronically by following the instructions at www.scc.virginia. qov/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/ participant may then file testimony and exhibits by which it expects to establish its case.

Day 120:

SCC Staff Report Issued

Day 134:

Appalachian's Rebuttal Testimony and Exhibits

- Response to testimony of participants
- $\bullet \quad \textit{Response to SCC Staff Report} \\$

SCC Hearing & Conclusions

Day 150:

Public Hearing

 Individual oral public comments accepted

Day 150:

Formal Evidentiary Hearing

 Review of evidence by the applicant, respondents/ participants 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 environment.
- 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.

• 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).

What lines need VA SCC certification?

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

What are the SCC's responsibilities?

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

How do I voice my concerns?

• 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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