

From: [Lennon, Tiernan](#)
To: [Schmidt, John](#)
Subject: Re: [EXTERNAL] Southgate Project Cooperating agencies
Date: Monday, December 17, 2018 4:26:48 PM

I think you're correct in that this project is only within VA/NC. No one from EQT or FERC has contacted me regarding the Southgate project.

On Mon, Dec 17, 2018 at 10:37 AM Schmidt, John <john_schmidt@fws.gov> wrote:
Looks like it's in VA/NC. I'll double check with Tiernan just to be sure.

John Schmidt

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Our office review times have been severely slowed by a high priority, large scale FOIA requests. We will do our best to get back to you as soon as possible.

On Mon, Dec 17, 2018 at 8:29 AM Spencer Simon <spencer_simon@fws.gov> wrote:

Morning John and Cindy,

Please see below. Can you provide any insight? Thanks.

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Green, Frankie" <frankie_green@fws.gov>
Date: December 17, 2018 at 7:51:12 AM EST
To: Christine Willis <christine_willis@fws.gov>, Spencer Simon <spencer_simon@fws.gov>, Diane Opper <diane_opper@fws.gov>
Cc: Rachel London <rachel_london@fws.gov>, Ben Thatcher <ben_thatcher@fws.gov>
Subject: Fwd: [EXTERNAL] Southgate Project Cooperating agencies

Hello Christine, Spencer, and Diane.

Are any of you, or any of your field office staff familiar with Mountain

Valley Pipelines's Southgate Project? FERC is the lead agency for this natural gas pipeline and has indicated that FWS is one of the cooperating agencies for this project. Please see the email from Heather Campbell at FERC.

It appears that FWS is already involved with this project - please let me know if that is indeed the case, and who is involved. Rachel London or I will be responsible for updating the Federal Permitting Dashboard with the appropriate information on overall agency point of contact, as well as which authorizations FWS anticipates at the project (ESA consultation, BGEPA permit, ROW authorization, etc).

Please let me know if you have any questions. I need to respond to Erika Vaughan at the Department by Wednesday if possible.

Thank you,
Frankie

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From: **Vaughan, Erika** <erika_vaughan@ios.doi.gov>
Date: Fri, Dec 14, 2018 at 3:20 PM
Subject: Re: [EXTERNAL] Southgate Project Cooperating agencies
To: Heather Campbell <heather.e.campbell@ferc.gov>
Cc: James Voyles <james_voyles@ios.doi.gov>, Frankie Green <frankie_green@fws.gov>, Ben Thatcher <ben_thatcher@fws.gov>, Rachel London <rachel_london@fws.gov>

Heather,

Thank you for the information. DOI will respond no later than Monday, 12/24.

Best,

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On Fri, Dec 14, 2018 at 2:24 PM Heather Campbell <heather.e.campbell@ferc.gov> wrote:

Good afternoon,

This email concerns the proposed Southgate Project (CP19-14). On November 6, 2018, Mountain Valley Pipeline, LLC, filed an application pursuant to section 7(c) of the Natural Gas Act (NGA) and Parts 157 and 284 of the Commission's regulations for authorization to construct, own and operate its Southgate Project located in Virginia and North Carolina. FERC is the lead agency for this project. As stated in the Notice of Application issued on November 19, 2018, this project is being considered

a One Federal Decision (OFD) Project pursuant to the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) executed on April 9, 2018 to implement Executive Order (EO) 13807 “Establishing Discipline and Accountability in the Environmental Review and Permitting Process for Infrastructure Projects,” 82 Fed. Reg. 40463 (August 24, 2017).

The MOU states that each federal agency whose authorization is required or which otherwise has jurisdiction by law, for a major infrastructure project with respect to which FERC is lead agency under NEPA and which is the subject of a FERC proceeding will, upon the request of FERC, participate as a cooperating agency under Section VI of the MOU. Other agencies may participate as cooperating agencies with respect to such projects at FERC's invitation, as provided in 40 C.F.R. 1501.6. Federal agencies may decline any such FERC invitation only if the agency has no jurisdiction by law. Federal agencies that decline to be cooperating agencies at FERC's invitation agree not to join the FERC proceeding as an intervenor. An agency's participation as a cooperating agency under this subsection shall not impede such agency's ability to submit comments to the FERC docket for the relevant proceeding, nor impede the agency's ability to defend any mandatory conditions in court proceedings.

Based on the prefiling process for this project, we have identified the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS), the Army Corps of Engineers (Corps), Virginia Department of Environmental Quality (VDEQ) and the North Carolina Department of Environmental Quality (NCDEQ) as cooperating agencies under NEPA. This email is confirming the FWS and Corps as cooperating agencies with respect to OFD, and also is soliciting other federal and state agencies that may wish to become a cooperating agency under OFD, or those that do not have a permitting role and wish to be participating agencies.

As for next steps in the OFD process, Commission staff will be working with you to establish a permitting timetable for this project as well as seeking your concurrence at three different points as required in the MOU and the permitting accountability system.

Please respond in writing to this invitation to be a cooperating agency within 10 days of this email. If you have any questions about the OFD process, please contact me via email (heather.e.campbell@ferc.gov) or (202) 502-6182. Project specific questions should be directed to Amanda Mardiney (Amanda.Mardiney@ferc.gov).

Thank you and have a great weekend.

Heather Campbell

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