VIRGINIA STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION (SCC) APPROVAL PROCESS

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138-KILOVOLT (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

What is the VA SCC?

transmission facilities.

Interrogatory questions for applicant

The SCC has regulatory authority over

ranges from setting rates charged by

investor-owned utilities to certifying

electrical utilities in Virginia. Its authority

STATE AGENCY REVIEWS

DAY 30 TO 90:

- State Agency Environmental Reviews Begin
 - Under the direction of the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ), the environmental review of the project impacts

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 30 TO 150:

Public Comments

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

DAY 120:

SCC Staff Report Issued

DAY 134:

- Appalachian's Rebuttal Testimony and Exhibits
- Response to testimony of participants
- Response to SCC Staff Report

FAQ

What lines need VA SCC certification?

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

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.

SCC HEARING & CONCLUSIONS

DAY 150:

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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/participant 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

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.

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 asy)

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

*Hypothetical timeline shown. Timeline is affected by many variables, which are impossible to foresee.