

Upper Delaware Council
PROJECT REVIEW COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
Nov. 23, 2010

Committee Members Present: Peckham, Keesler, Roeder, Richardson, Rando, Rajsz
NPS Partner: McGuinness
Staff: Douglass, Soete, Coney, Ramie
Guests: Reporter, Ch. 6 News

The UDC's Project Review Committee held its monthly meeting on Tuesday, Nov. 23, 2010 at the Council office in Narrowsburg. Chairperson Peckham called the meeting to order at 7:41 p.m. A motion by Rajsz seconded by Roeder to approve the Oct. 26 meeting minutes was carried. There was no public comment on the agenda.

Discussion Items Report: Soete reviewed the discussion items report with the committee. Some highlights follow.

Columbia Gas Transmission Update: Columbia Gas Transmission has applied to the PA DEP for Water Obstruction and Encroachment Permits for the Line K Replacement Project in Dingman and Westfall Townships in Pike County. They are not crossing the Delaware River as yet.

Natural Gas Drilling/Leasing in Region Update: Newfield Energy reportedly completed the Hammond test well in Preston Township and will be drilling the Davidson test well next in Scott Township. Both wells are in the Delaware River Basin in Wayne County, PA.

The committee was provided with a handout from Peckham regarding Halliburton's CleanStim fracturing service that uses a new fracturing fluid formulation made with ingredients sourced from the food industry (non-edible). The CleanStim formulation is mixed at the job site with the water provided by the operator.

The committee was provided with copy of a "Joint Statement-November 15, 2010" signed by 13 various groups and organizations. The statement involves their concern with the Delaware River Basin Commission's inability or unwillingness to produce timely regulations allowing responsible development of natural gas in the Delaware River Basin.

Also handed out to the committee was copy of a FERC Pre-Filing Review for the Northeast Upgrade Project. Tennessee Gas Pipeline has announced its intention to build approximately 37 miles of 30-inch-diameter natural gas pipeline in five loop segments in Bradford, Wayne, and Pike Counties in PA as well as other areas in New Jersey. The FERC is the lead agency responsible for conducting the environmental review of interstate pipeline projects in compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). The purpose of the pre-filing process is to encourage involvement by interested stakeholders in a manner that allows for the early identification and resolution of environmental issues.

Barnes Landfill (Town of Highland) Update: Bill Rudge of NYS DEC has again stated that the Barnes Landfill matter has been referred to the NYS Attorney General's office and that they are trying to identify responsible parties.

Sullivan County Casinos Update: Gov. Paterson and the Stockbridge-Munsee Band of Mohicans have signed a compact for an Indian casino to be built on 330-acres off Route 17 in Bridgeville, NY. The proposed site is located along the Neversink River.

Pond Eddy Bridge Project Update: Rajsz reported that the Town of Lumberland supports the moving forward with a bridge replacement at Pond Eddy. McGuinness noted that the project will probably need a Section 7 Wild and Scenic Rivers review.

Tennessee Gas Pipeline Northeast Upgrade Project (Pike and Wayne Counties): Soete reported that on Nov. 3 Douglass, Soete and Hamilton from NPS attended a FERC pre-filing public scoping meeting for the Northeast Upgrade Project. In addition to the pipeline loops there will be four compressor stations. Several people expressed concern that the existing 55-year old pipeline will not be replaced. The 150'

wide clearings, truck traffic, and compressor stations were other concerns mentioned. The proposed Northeast Upgrade Project will cross the Lackawaxen River between Lackawaxen and Rowland and could have an impact on D & H Canal remnants. The Lackawaxen River is also a favorite wintering ground of the bald eagle.

Old Business

Town of Cochection Zoning Law Update: Richardson reported the Town of Cochection is looking at its draft zoning law at a meeting tomorrow since it was reported up from the Planning Board.

Multi-Municipal Gas Drilling Task Force: Rajsz reported that at the Multi-Municipal Gas Task Force meeting, one of the attorneys in the group wrote an opinion paper on gas drilling. The Association of Towns put out a paper on the rights of towns with gas drilling issues. The group is still working on the model Road Use Agreement. Soete asked if the task force had a website. Rajsz referred him to the lead town, Tusten, and its Supervisor for that information.

Public Comment None

Adjournment A motion by Rajsz seconded by Keesler to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 p.m. was carried.

Carol Coney, Office Manager