

LEACH XPRESS PROJECT Landowner Update

COLUMBIA FILES FOR LEACH XPRESS PROJECT FERC APPROVAL



The Leach XPress project took an important step forward in June when Columbia Gas Transmission filed a request with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) for a formal review of the company's application to construct the project.

Following the submission of the application, FERC assigned the project a new docket number — CP15-514-000.

All project landowners should have received a letter with the new docket number and information about how they can follow the FERC process and comment about the project. If you did not receive a letter, please contact Nena Honaker at (888) 499-3450.

The final proposed route for the Leach XPress project now extends 1.5 miles into southwestern Pennsylvania to avoid construction congestion in the area. The project includes the construction of approximately 160 miles of new pipeline and three new compressor stations near Majorsville, West Virginia, Summerfield, Ohio and Oak Hill, Ohio.

"We are thrilled to have submitted our application to FERC and want to thank landowners and local officials for their input," said Zane Daniels, manager of community relations and stakeholder outreach. "This is an important milestone in bringing this much-needed project closer to reality."

COLUMBIA ENGAGES COMMUNITY LEADERS



The Leach XPress project is projected to create or support 5,652 jobs and generate more than \$50 million in state and local tax revenue. On July 10, Columbia and the Ohio Operating Engineers (OOE) hosted state and local officials at OOE's Logan Training Facility for a briefing about the Leach XPress project and a meeting with union leaders. The meeting was part of Columbia's ongoing efforts to educate community leaders about the proposed project.



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FERC PROJECT TRACKING

You are invited to follow the Leach XPress project through the FERC process by visiting the agency's "electronic library" online at ferc.gov/docs-filing/elibrary.asp and searching for docket number CP15-514-000.

We also strongly encourage you to download and read FERC's citizen's guide book called "An Interstate Natural Gas Facility on My Land? What Do I Need to Know?" You can obtain a copy online at ferc.gov/for-citizens/citizen-guides.asp.

If you prefer to receive a copy by mail, please contact one of our project team members.

YOUR SOURCE FOR PROJECT INFORMATION

Columbia's project team is available to answer your questions and understand your concerns.

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COLUMBIA GIVES BACK TO LOCAL COMMUNITIES

Since announcing the Leach XPress project in August 2014, Columbia has granted more than \$136,000 in financial support to local nonprofit and civic organizations throughout the project footprint.

“We have a long-standing commitment to being involved in and contributing to the communities in which we operate,” said Zane Daniels, manager of community relations and stakeholder outreach. “We welcome the opportunity to help fire departments purchase essential equipment or send little leaguers to their field of dreams.”

The following are a few recent highlights from Columbia’s community giving.



Protective Gear for McArthur Volunteer Fire Department (Vinton County, Ohio)

Thanks to a project grant of \$30,000 from Columbia, the McArthur Volunteer Fire Department will be able to purchase 10 sets of new personal protective equipment for its firemen. The department serves a large portion of Vinton County and responds to approximately 120 emergency calls each year.



Cooperstown Trip for Marshall County Monarchs Baseball Team (Marshall County, West Virginia.)

Columbia contributed \$2,500 to help send the Marshall County Monarchs baseball team to Cooperstown Dreams Park this summer. The Park offers baseball players 12 and under the opportunity to learn, practice and play together and against other teams.



Liberty Theatre Restoration in Oak Hill (Jackson County, Ohio)

The Liberty Theatre has been a part of the Oak Hill community for 95 years, serving first as a movie theater and then as a teen center before being shuttered in 2011. The Oak Hill Historical Society recently launched efforts to restore and reopen the Liberty Theatre. Columbia donated \$25,000 to the society to bring the art deco theater back to the community.



New Boots for Cameron Volunteer Fire Department (Marshall County, West Virginia)

Columbia came to the aid of the Cameron Volunteer Fire Department with a \$3,500 donation to replace the department’s 10-year-old boots. Cameron resident Peggy Parsons, along with Sherry Johnson, Gail Porter and Lori Marling, wife of Fire Chief Brian Marling, led the funding effort and approached Columbia with the donation request.

A DIFFERENT KIND OF PIPELINE COMPANY

Columbia Gas Transmission is a well-known, established energy company in Ohio, Pennsylvania and West Virginia. Unlike other energy companies that have recently begun operating in this area, Columbia and its employees have been safely and reliably serving the region for decades – and we plan to continue that service for years to come.

Columbia is committed to building long-standing relationships with landowners throughout our service territory. Our pledge to you is to be transparent, fair and flexible as we work together to create a suitable pipeline easement agreement.

We will not forget about you or your needs after an agreement is reached. Signing an agreement with Columbia brings with it a support team of local operations professionals who will be monitoring the safety and integrity of this pipeline for as long as it is in service. Our commitment to you – and a stronger and more energy secure Appalachia – sets us apart from the others.

