

# How to submit a comment to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC)

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## **General Information**

The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) regularly opens public comment periods for major decisions before the agency, including approvals needed for interstate pipelines like the Mountain Valley Pipeline (MVP). When submitting a comment to FERC, you must assign the comment to the docket number of the project you are commenting on, and then submit your comment using one of the methods listed below. MVP's project-specific docket number is CP16-10-000.

The following are ways to submit your comment ranked in order of most recommended method:

1. [Using the FERC website](#)
2. Mailing to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE, Washington, DC 20426
3. Delivering by hand to Health and Human Services, 12225 Wilkins Avenue, Rockville, Maryland 20852

You can see a list of open comment periods [here](#). Please note that personal comments are always best, so adding your personal reasons on why the topic at hand is important to you is crucial.

## Using the FERC Website

FERC's website gives two options for submitting comments, called eComment and eFile. Below is a walkthrough for each, starting with eComment, which is the quickest submission method.

**Comments from individuals up to 6,000 characters long can be submitted using the eComment function (recommended):** <https://ferconline.ferc.gov/QuickComment.aspx>

1. Using the above link, fill out the form required by FERC to authorize eComment - after filling this out, FERC will email you a link to finish the comment process (Note: it's best to write your comment in another document beforehand to avoid the FERC site time limits)
2. Click the link in the authorization email to go to the submission page - FERC imports your information into this page, but you must still assign your comment to the necessary docket number before submitting
  - a) Under your imported information form, search for the relevant MVP docket (CP16-10 [in example below] for the main MVP docket, and CP21-12 for the docket specific to MVP's certificate amendment request)

Name\*: [Redacted]  
Street Address\*: [Redacted]  
Street Address 2: [Redacted]  
City\*: [Redacted]  
State\*: VIRGINIA  
Zip Code\*: [Redacted]  
E-mail Address\*: [Redacted]  
Confirm E-mail Address\*: [Redacted]  
Phone: [Redacted]  
Docket: [Hydro Project Search](#)

**NOTE: Comments containing profane, inflammatory, scurrilous, or threatening material will not be placed in public view.**

You can search for dockets to insert. Please note that you can only comment on a maximum of 2 Dockets or Projects at a time.

Search

Enter Docket Number:   (e.g. CP08-10 or P-12485)

- b) When the results come up, select the correct docket (CP16-10-000 for MVP’s main docket [seen in below example] or CP21-12-000 for MVP’s certificate amendment request docket)

Search

Enter Docket Number:   (e.g. CP08-10 or P-12485)

Docket	Description	Applicant/Filer	Select
CP16-10-000	Application for Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity and Related Authorizations.	Mountain Valley Pipeline LLC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
CP16-10-001	Request for Rehearing of October 13, 2017 order	Mountain Valley Pipeline LLC	<input type="checkbox"/>
CP16-10-002	Request for Rehearing of January 22 and 29 and February 8,9,12,13,14,15 and 16, 2018 Letter Orders	Mountain Valley Pipeline LLC	<input type="checkbox"/>
CP16-10-003	Request for Rehearing of April 23, 2018 order	Mountain Valley Pipeline LLC	<input type="checkbox"/>
CP16-10-004	Request for Rehearing of April 6, 2018 order	Mountain Valley Pipeline LLC	<input type="checkbox"/>
CP16-10-005	Request for Rehearing of Wild Virginia, Inc. et al. of the August 28, 2019	Mountain Valley Pipeline, LLC	<input type="checkbox"/>

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Selected Dockets:

- c) Make sure the “Selected Dockets” area below the search form shows the relevant docket

Selected Dockets:			
Docket	Description	Applicant/Filer	Remove
CP16-10-000	Application for Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity and Related Authorizations.	Mountain Valley Pipeline LLC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

3. Copy and paste your comment and Submit!

For comments from individuals that are over 6,000 characters, are in PDF format, or contain images (such that you cannot cut and paste them into the “quick comment function,” you must use the eFile function. Start this process by registering with FERC [here](#)

1. At the above link, fill out the required information and click “Next” to register with FERC (note - you must click “Next” instead of “Done” to complete the full registration required for eFiling)

Create FERC Online Account

Name Prefix:

\* First Name:

Middle Initial:

\* Last Name:

Name Suffix:

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\* Confirm eMail address:

\* Password:

Note: Password should be between 8 and 12 characters and contain at least one numeric or special character.

\* Confirm Password:

Type the characters you see in the picture



You may complete your registration at this point, however, without completing the full registration, you will be limited to eSubscription among the functions requiring login.

Proceed to full registration, allowing the use of eFiling and Query Service List.

- After registering with FERC, go into the eFile function. Select “General”, “Comment (on Filing, Environ, Report,or Tech Conf)”, and “Comment”, then click Next:

### Filing Type

How is your filing to be directed?	What kind of filing are you making?	Filing Type (Fee)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>General</li> <li>Annual Charges</li> <li>Hearing/ALJ</li> <li>Gas</li> <li>Electric</li> <li>Oil</li> <li>Hydro: Washington E</li> <li>Hydro: Regional Offic</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(Fee) Petition for Declaratory Order (not under FPA Part 1)</li> <li>(Fee) Request for Interpretation by Gen. Counsel (not under FPA Part 1)</li> <li>Audit Material(to Office of Enforcement; not posted to eLibrary)</li> <li>Comment (on Filing, Environ. Report,or Tech Conf)</li> <li>Comment on Rulemaking (RM, PL, AD dockets)</li> <li>Intervention</li> <li>Motion (other than Intervention)</li> <li>Petition for Declaratory Order under FPA Part 1</li> <li>Protest</li> <li>Request for Interpretation by Gen. Counsel under FPA Part 1</li> <li>Request for Rehearing</li> <li>Request to Update Service, Mailing, or Corporate Officials Lists</li> <li>Response to Complaint</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Comment</li> </ul>

- The next page allows you to select the Docket # (CP16-10-000 for MVP’s main docket or CP21-57-000 for MVP’s certificate amendment request-specific docket), then takes you to a page to upload your comment, PDF or other supplemental documents. (Note: there will be a space for “Filer” / “Agents” - filling this out is only necessary if you are filing on behalf of an organization).
- After your files are selected and all necessary fields completed, submit your eFiling. You will receive an email confirmation from FERC. Your filing will appear on the MVP docket soon after (see example below):

**On 8/3/2020, the following Filing was submitted to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC), Washington D.C.:**

Filer: Individual No Affiliation (as Agent)

Docket(s): CP16-10-000

Lead Applicant: Mountain Valley Pipeline, LLC

Filing Type: Comment on Filing

Description: What you typed into the description box “Comment from...”

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## Current Comment Periods

**FERC has opened a new docket for MVP's most recent Certificate Amendment Request - comments submitted specific to this topic will require the docket number seen below.**

**Docket No. CP21-57-000 - Original comment period closed March 22**

**NEW Notice of Scoping Comment Period now open, closed April 15th at 4:59pm but you can continue to submit comments.**

*“The staff of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC or Commission) will prepare an environmental document, that will discuss the environmental impacts of the Amendment to the Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity for the Mountain Valley Pipeline Project (Amendment Project) involving construction and operation of facilities by Mountain Valley Pipeline, LLC (Mountain Valley) in Wetzel, Lewis, Webster, Nicholas, Greenbrier, Summers, and Monroe Counties, West Virginia and Giles, Montgomery, Roanoke, Franklin, and Pittsylvania Counties, Virginia. The Commission will use this environmental document in its decision-making process.”*

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**Information on the original comment period from that docket:**

**Docket No. CP21-57-000**

[Link to Amendment Request in FERC eLibrary](#)

Take notice that on February 19, 2021, Mountain Valley Pipeline, LLC (Mountain Valley), 2200 Energy Drive Canonsburg, Pennsylvania 15317, filed an application under section 7(c) of the Natural Gas Act (NGA), and Part 157 of the Commission's regulations requesting that the Commission issue an order amending Mountain Valley's certificate of public convenience and necessity (Certificate) for the Mountain Valley Pipeline Project (Project). **Mountain Valley requests that the Commission amend the Certificate to grant Mountain Valley the ability to change the crossing method for specific wetlands and waterbodies yet to be crossed by the Project from the open-cut crossings that were authorized by the Certificate to one of several trenchless methods. Mountain Valley proposes to use trenchless methods at 120 locations to cross 181 waterbodies and wetlands that the Commission originally authorized as open-cut.** Mountain Valley is also requesting authorization for two minor right-of-way shifts to avoid resources (Mileposts 0.70 and 230.8). Additionally, Mountain Valley avers no new landowners would be impacted by the changes, all as more fully set forth in the application which is on file with the Commission and open for public inspection. ([Link to full notice.](#))

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

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There are two ways to become involved in the Commission's review of this project: you can file comments on the project, and you can file a motion to intervene in the proceeding. There is no fee or cost for filing comments or intervening. **The deadline for filing a motion to intervene is 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time on March 22, 2021.**

Any person wishing to comment on the project may do so. **Comments may include statements of support or objections to the project as a whole or specific aspects of the project.** The more specific your comments, the more useful they will be. **To ensure that your comments are timely and properly recorded, please submit your comments on or before March 22, 2021.**

[Click Here for a Motion to Intervene Template.](#)

[Click Here for Talking Points](#)

#### **UPDATE on MVP's Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity:**

Mountain Valley Pipeline recently requested a 2-year extension for the Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity issued by FERC in October of 2017. This extension was granted on October 9, 2020, and the MVP request to resume construction was also granted on October 9, 2020, excluding a 25 mile portion of the route. The permission to resume construction is now subject to litigation.

Although the CPCN comment period has ended, **you are encouraged to continue to submit your opinions to FERC** by submitting a comment to MVP's docket number CP16-10-000.

\*If you need talking points to help form your comment, you may reach out to:

POWHR ([russell.powhr@gmail.com](mailto:russell.powhr@gmail.com)), Appalachian Voices ([jessica@appvoices.org](mailto:jessica@appvoices.org)) or VPR ([virginiapipelineresisters@gmail.com](mailto:virginiapipelineresisters@gmail.com)) to receive them as soon as they are available. Please note that personal comments are always best, so adding your personal reasons on why the topic at hand is important to you is crucial.

## Keeping up to Date

Please follow [POWHR - Protect Our Water, Heritage, Rights](#) on Facebook or at [powhr.org](http://powhr.org) to stay up to date on happenings around the Mountain Valley Pipeline, and to keep up to date on submissions to and actions from FERC regarding the MVP or other projects, you can subscribe to get alerts using the project's docket number. This can be done using the same [eRegistration](#) as that shown previously for eFile - if you would like to register only for eSubscription and not the full registration required for eFile, click Done instead of Next after filling out the form:

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After completing the registration process, you can login and go to [eSubscribe](#), then subscribe to get FERC alerts on MVP by adding the docket number CP16-10-000 (see the screenshot below) and CP21-57-000, the newly added docket specific to MVP's most recent certificate amendment request.

Search Quick Entry

Enter Docket Number:  Search (e.g. ER08-10, P-14270)

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