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Forum on Natural Gas Pipelines

Hosted by The Cabell Brand Center

March 9, 2015

9:00am – 3:00pm

at Whitman Theater in the Business Science Building of
Virginia Western Community College

Agenda

Moderator: Dr. M. Rupert Cutler, Board Member, Cabell Brand Center

8:30 a.m. – Check-in

9:00 a.m. – 9:05 a.m. – Opening remarks, Dr. Tamim Younos, President, Cabell Brand Center

9:05-9:15 a.m. – Welcome, Dr. Robert H. Sandel, President, Virginia Western Community College

Overview of Mountain Valley Pipeline Project

9:15 - 9:45 – Importance of the proposed pipelines for local economic development, John D’Orazio, President and CEO, Roanoke Gas Company

9:45 – 10:15 a.m. – Proposed route of the Mountain Valley pipeline, Joseph Dawley, Corporate Director of Government Affairs, EQT Corporation

10:15-10:45 - Environmentalists’ concerns, Joe Lovett, Executive Director, Appalachian Mountain Advocates

10:30-10:45 a.m. – Break

Panel of Government Representatives

10:45 – 11:05 a.m. - The role of local government - Charlotte Moore, Member, Roanoke County Board of Supervisors

11:05 – 11:25 a.m. - The role of state government - John S. Edwards. Member, Senate of Virginia (21st District)

11:25 – 11:45 a.m. - The role of the federal government, Gwen Mason, Regional Director, the Office of U.S. Senator Tim Kaine

11:45 a.m. – 12 noon - Panel interaction

12 noon – 12:30 p.m. – Lunch (in cafeteria adjoining auditorium)

Potential Project Impacts

12:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. – Insurance-related risks and macroeconomic issues associated with pipelines, Freeda Cathcart, FLMI

1:00 – 1:30 p.m. - Impacts on the Appalachian Trail, Laura Belleville, Director of Conservation, Appalachian Trail Conservancy

1:30 – 2:00 p.m. – Landscape impacts of natural gas and other forms of energy, David Perry, Executive Director, Blue Ridge Land Conservancy

2:00 – 2:30 p.m. - Fracked natural gas: bridge fuel or bridge to nowhere?, Diana Christopulos, President, Roanoke Valley Cool Cities Coalition

2:30 – 3:00 p.m. - Assessing critical habitats and future energy development in the Central Appalachians, Marek Smith, Director, Allegheny Highlands Program, The Nature Conservancy

3:00 p.m. – Adjourn

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