



River Neck to Kingsburg

Natural Gas Project FAQ



Dominion Energy will construct a new natural gas line along Old River Road near Pamplico in Florence County, South Carolina. The River Neck to Kingsburg Project will parallel an existing pipeline and primarily utilize existing rights of way to install approximately 15 miles of new natural gas transmission line.

Quick Facts

- Dominion Energy South Carolina (DESC) will be the sole owner and operator of the line. This project is unrelated to any current or future projects in development by other utilities and will exclusively serve the natural gas needs of customers across the eastern region of South Carolina.
- A wide array of data was collected during the survey process to select the least impactful path to people and the environment. We are committed to hearing community concerns and working collaboratively to ensure potential impacts are minimized or avoided. Please email us at RiverNeckKingsburg@DominionEnergy.com or call 1-833-492-0201 with any questions.

Why is the project needed?

At Dominion Energy South Carolina, we are committed to providing safe, reliable natural gas service at the lowest possible cost to our customers throughout the Pee Dee and surrounding region. Expanding access to natural gas will help meet growing demand and provide economic development opportunities for the region.

If there is already a natural gas line here, why are you adding another one? And why is it 16 inches in diameter?

This project represents our ongoing commitment to provide safe and reliable natural gas service across South Carolina. Due to substantial residential and commercial growth in the eastern part of the state, the existing system is nearing capacity.

This section of pipeline is the beginning of DESC's pipeline transmission system that supplies natural gas to Florence, Marion, Williamsburg, Georgetown, and Horry Counties in South Carolina. The pipeline size was determined based on current customer demand and future residential and commercial growth projections in those areas.

Is this project being built to serve a new natural gas power generation plant?

This project is unrelated to any current or future projects in development by other utilities and will exclusively serve the natural gas needs of Dominion Energy South Carolina customers across the eastern region of South Carolina.

When will construction start and how long will it take?

Permitting and easement acquisition are ongoing and expected to be completed in 2021. Construction is scheduled to begin in 2022 and expected to be complete by the end of the year.

What about safety?

Safety is one of Dominion Energy's core values. Dominion Energy is committed to safe operations, safe facilities, and safety-minded employees. From construction through operations, safety is the top priority. Dominion Energy maintains operating policies and procedures that adhere to United States Department of Transportation (USDOT) safety requirements that provide specific directions in inspection, testing, operation, preventive maintenance, repair, and vigilant patrols of facilities and more. We operate and maintain our system in accordance with all associated regulations. We monitor the flows and pressures on our lines around-the-clock, patrol our system and employ robust programs to ensure system integrity.

Natural gas remains one of the safest energy sources available. And, your support of our safety mission is significant and appreciated. If you detect an odor that smells like rotten eggs or suspect a natural gas leak, leave the area immediately and call 911 and DESC at 1-800-815-0083. We'll come right away.

How will you protect the environment?

Environmental Compliance is also a core value of Dominion Energy. Responsible stewardship of natural resources is one of the essentials of our daily business. Our work before, during, and after construction will adhere to or exceed all applicable federal, state, and local laws and regulations.

The pipeline route was chosen to minimize potential impacts to the environment, specifically, to avoid tree clearing and disturbing new areas by running alongside an existing pipeline corridor. The primary workspace throughout construction will be within the existing corridor. During construction we will protect sensitive resources by utilizing timber mats to protect the ground from unnecessary disturbance by equipment traffic and we will use trenchless installation practices where feasible. We will also protect the surrounding soil and water during construction by exceeding state requirements for erosion and sediment control design standards and implementing a rigorous maintenance plan to ensure all controls function as designed throughout construction. After construction, disturbed areas will be re-vegetated to ensure long-term environmental protection.

Since we're still in the planning phase, we continue to evaluate potential ways to minimize environmental impacts resulting from the project.

Will we see Dominion Energy South Carolina employees or contractors in the area? If so, what COVID protocols are in place to protect our community during the planning and execution of this project?

You may see Dominion Energy company vehicles in the area because many members of your community are Dominion Energy employees. We live, play, and work in the communities we operate in. Also, along a majority of the project corridor, Dominion Energy and its land team are working to acquire an additional 10' of permanent easement and 25' temporary workspace parallel to the existing 40' pipeline easement to safely construct and maintain the new and existing pipelines.

Dominion Energy employees and their contractors are committed to protecting the health of the communities we operate in. As such, Dominion Energy is following CDC guidance and all employees are required to wear double layer face coverings when engaging with the public and coworkers.