

Petroleum Pipeline Study Committee
Wednesday, November 30, 2016 10:00 a.m.
Gressette Building, Room 308

Members Present: Senators: Brad Hutto, Shane Massey, Tom Young (Chairman); Representatives: Dennis Moss, William “Bill” Hixon, Russel Ott; C. Dukes Scott (ORS Executive Director); Michael Traynham (DHEC Assistant General Counsel); Public Members: Donald Gardner; W. McLeod Rhodes

Staff Present: Heather Anderson, Roland Franklin

Meeting:

Chairman Young called the meeting to order.

Donald Gardner, with Colonial Pipeline, gave the first presentation. This presentation included a general overview of topics regarding petroleum pipelines, such as types of products transported by pipelines, a history of Colonial’s petroleum pipelines in South Carolina, regulatory and safety considerations for petroleum pipelines, and an overview on the recent Alabama pipeline leak.

The second presentation was made by Jim Anderson, representing the U.S. Department of Transportation’s Pipeline and Hazardous Material Safety Administration (PHMSA) and Dawn Hipp and Tom Allen with the Office of Regulatory Staff (ORS). This presentation included information regarding federal requirements for petroleum pipeline siting and monitoring, as well as state practices regarding pipeline safety.

The third presentation was made by Frank Ellerbe, an attorney with Robinson, McFadden & Moore, in which Mr. Ellerbe gave an overview regarding the history of utilities’ use of eminent domain in South Carolina.

The fourth presentation was made by Ben Johnson, Director of Research with the South Carolina Department of Commerce, in which Mr. Johnson discussed potential economic development implications for South Carolina resulting from petroleum pipelines.

The fifth presentation was made by Shannon Bowyer Hudson, with the ORS, regarding South Carolina’s responsibilities regarding the regulation of petroleum pipeline siting and monitoring.

The sixth presentation was made by Bonnie Loomis, with the South Carolina Petroleum Council, concerning petroleum pipelines and eminent domain, including other states’ practices.

The seventh presentation was made by Jocelyn Boyd, Chief Clerk of the Public Service Commission, regarding current utility bonding requirements with the PSC.

The final presentation was made by Michael Traynham, Don Siron, David Wilson, and Mihir Mehta, with the Department of Health and Environmental Control. This presentation covered

topics such as potential environmental implications from petroleum pipelines and an update on the petroleum pipeline leak in Belton, SC.

Chairman Young then opened the meeting for testimony from members of the public. The following provided testimony:

- (1) Frank Holleman - Southern Environmental Law Center
- (2) Sharon Richardson - Audubon Society
- (3) Tonya Bonitatibus - Savannah Riverkeeper
- (4) Shelly Robinson - Upstate Forever

Following the receipt of public testimony, Sen. Hutto made a motion to adjourn. The meeting was then adjourned.