

# Bluegrass Pipeline Lawyers

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## PROJECT STATUS UPDATE AUGUST, 2014

All of the land agents, surveyors, and permitting and environmental personnel have been let go, and the entire acquisition team is vacating the central Ohio base of operations. The following is a summary of the most critical obstacles that this project has encountered.

#1) The results of the open commitment period revealed that there was "Zero" demand to move product on the proposed Bluegrass line starting on the originally announced in-service date of 1/1/2016. It is our understanding that producers did, however, express interest in capacity on the line beginning 1/1/2017. This would help to explain why Bluegrass recently changed the proposed in-service date on its web site to reflect completion of the line in late 2016.

#2) The company suffered another setback March 25, when Franklin Circuit Judge Phillip Shepherd ruled that the Bluegrass does not have the legal authority to use eminent domain to acquire easements to pipe natural gas liquids across Kentucky. Bluegrass has appealed this ruling and are likely waiting for the results of the appeal to re-evaluate its right-of-way acquisition strategy in Kentucky.

Our group is nearly 15 miles strong, and we remain united and ready to negotiate when Bluegrass, or the next pipeline company commits to a project to install a pipeline to serve the growing production of NGLs. We wish to commend each of our members on the strength of your negotiating strategy. You remain free to negotiate for your preferred route, easement terms, and compensation amounts with whichever company wins the race to put in the next pipeline.

Do not presume that the Bluegrass pipeline is dead. Its official status is as follows

## **A Project Ahead of Its Time**

Proposed in 2013 as a solution to move natural gas liquids from the Utica and Marcellus Shale producing areas to the growing petrochemical market in the U.S. Gulf Coast, the Bluegrass Pipeline included constructing approximately 600 miles of pipeline from Pennsylvania to Kentucky and converting approximately 600 miles of existing natural gas pipeline from Kentucky to Louisiana to carry natural gas liquids.

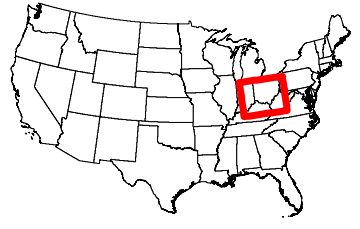
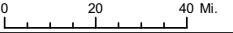
Due to an insufficient level of firm customer commitments to ship products on the pipeline, the project and associated capital spending were suspended in May 2014.

The need to move NGLs from the liquids-rich Northeast region is very real and an important component of enabling the manufacturing renaissance in America. We continue to engage in discussions with potential customers and still believe the Bluegrass Pipeline project is the best long-term solution in the marketplace.

Bluegrass Pipeline appears to be a project that's ahead of its time.



**Counties Along Route of Proposed Bluegrass Pipeline Segment 1**



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