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Infrastructure

- Two principal components
 - Pipelines
 - Gathering
 - Transmission
 - Compression

Limited Pipeline Capacity

- Single most important obstacle to significant natural gas development in WV
- New construction
 - More cost and time
 - Allows gas to reach new markets
- Upgrade current facilities
 - Less expense and time
 - Not an answer if markets restricted

Gathering vs. Transmission

■ Gathering

- ◆ 4 - 6 inch pipe, usually less than 100 psi
- ◆ Generally not the problem and can be remedied with new pipe or minimal compression
- ◆ Production rights usually permit installation of gathering pipe across the lease – at no cost
- ◆ New gathering still moves production to existing markets

Gathering vs. Transmission

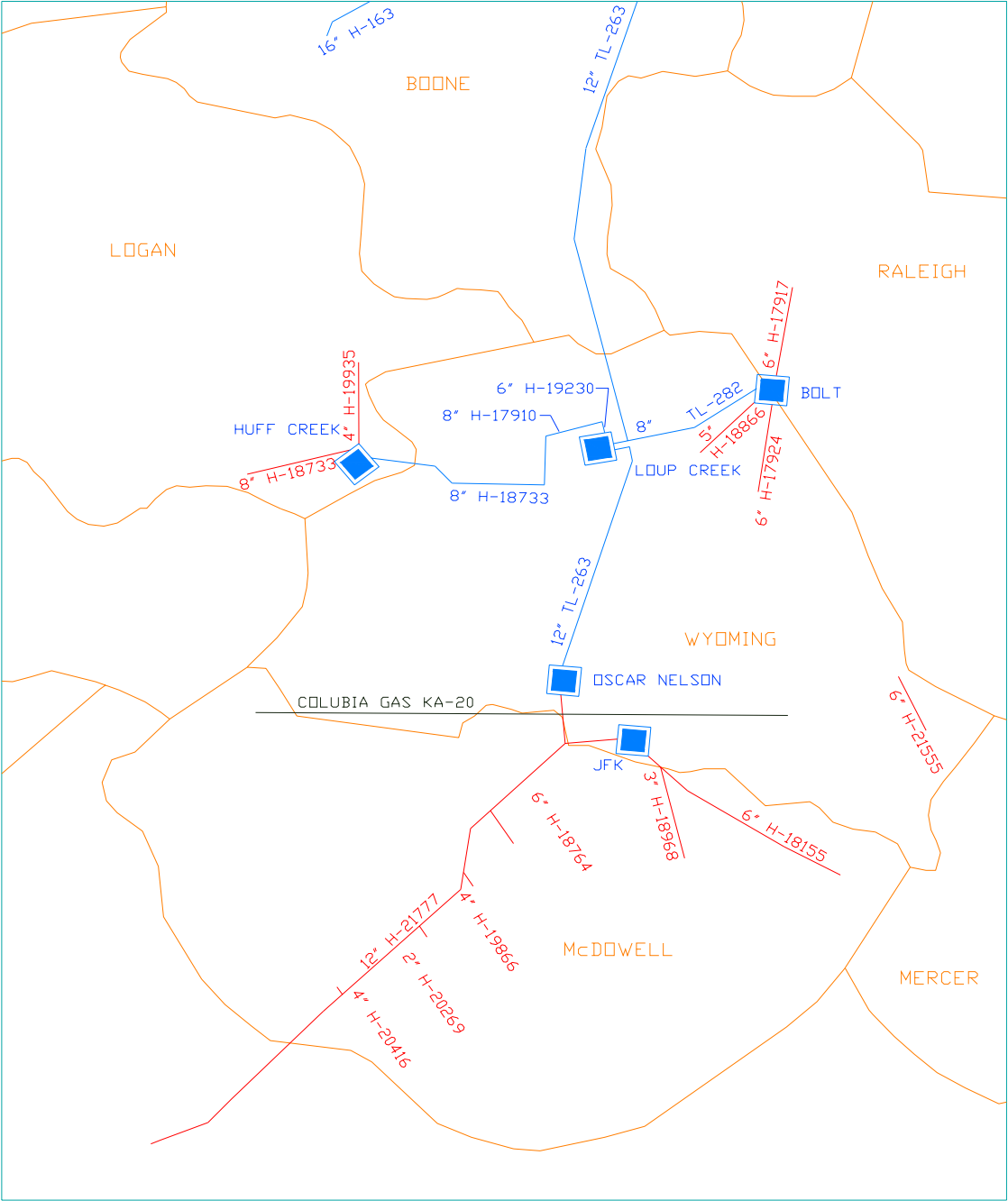
■ Transmission

- ◆ Large diameter, 16 – 30 inch
- ◆ Operates at 250 – 1000 + psi
- ◆ May cross property with no interest in the production or end use market - thus requiring landowner negotiations
- ◆ NIMBY factor
- ◆ Only real way to reach new markets









Dominion Transmission

- TL 263 operates at capacity year round
- Compression opportunities are limited
 - Merely moves the bottleneck downstream
- Major stations are virtually full year round
 - Oscar Nelson - 40,000 mcf/d
 - JFK - 9,000 mcf/d
 - Loup Creek - 25,000 mcf/d

Columbia Transmission

- KA 20
 - Major west to east outlet for Columbia
 - Capacity constrained in the summer months due to reduced market
 - Compression may offer limited solution

East Tennessee

- Also moves gas west to east
- No direct interconnect in West Virginia
- Requires significant construction for producer to deliver gas into ETNG

Financing

- \$1 million per mile (transmission)
- Appropriate rate of return required
- Pipelines must compete with growth and non-regulated projects for internal corporate capital
- “Build it and they will come” will not secure internal funding

New Paradigm Needed

- End Use Markets cannot be the only buyer of firm capacity (FT)
- Producers must think in terms of buying FT
- 15-20 year terms not unreasonable
- Possible option is a capital contribution to the project
- Producers not convinced their production – or gas prices – will last that long

New Construction

- New pipeline construction requires a minimum of three to four years
- Landowner opposition to new construction is growing
- Requires commitment of all stakeholders. No one can wait for the other to act

Regulated vs. Non-regulated Projects

- Regulated
 - Eminent Domain rights
 - Additional time & cost
- Non-regulated
 - Not likely in today's economic climate

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC)

- Holds jurisdiction for interstate projects
- Requires project be for the “Public Convenience and Necessity”
- Must not duplicate other projects
- Must prove markets and need exists
- Expedited hearing process now available

FERC's Expedited Process

- Dominion first to use on Greenbrier Pipeline
- 11 month process (vs. two years previously)
- Requires upfront resolution of problems
 - Landowner approvals
 - 1500 land tracts, 1100 landowners
 - Market confirmation
 - Rate design
- Requires community involvement in all phases

Greenbrier Pipeline Timeline

- Open Season 4th Qtr 2000
- Finalize Agreements 1st Qtr 2001
- File FERC Application 3rd Qtr 2001
- Receive FERC Approval 3rd Qtr 2003
- Start Construction 2nd Qtr 2004
- In-Service 2nd Qtr 2005

Summary

- Pipeline capacity needed
- New markets offer best opportunity
- Regulated projects most likely to succeed
- Long lead times needed for construction
- New financing paradigm required
- All stakeholders involved in solution

Questions?