



File Code: 2720
Date: February 26, 2016

William A. Scarpinato
Dominion Resources Services, Inc.
5000 Dominion Boulevard
Glen Allen, VA 23060

Dear Mr. Scarpinato:

This letter serves to officially accept the application from Atlantic Coast Pipeline LLC for a special use permit to conduct resource surveys and testing on National Forest System lands in the Monongahela National Forest.

You have identified an alternative route through the Forest, hereafter referred to as GWNF6-MNF portion, upon which you wish to conduct site survey and testing for possible future construction of a natural gas transmission pipeline corridor. We have assigned your application the tracking number of MAR205001. As outlined below, we will begin processing your application.

According to Federal regulations at 36 CFR § 251.58, the Forest Service must be reimbursed for the agency's costs of processing applications for special use authorizations and monitoring the proponents activities. Cost recovery fees are separate and distinct from land use rental fees, which represent the market value of the land use and occupancy privileges or rights granted under a special use authorization.

Cost recovery fees are intended to offset Forest Service administrative costs of processing special use applications and monitoring special use authorizations. Processing fees cover a portion of the agency costs associated with review and evaluation of the application; meeting with the applicant; conducting environmental analyses; site visits; technical and financial capability reviews; and preparing documentation of analyses, decisions and authorizations. Cost recovery fees are retained by the collecting unit of the Forest Service to enable that unit to provide more timely response to special use applicants and authorization holders, and improve overall administration of the special uses program.

We estimate that the Forest Service actions involved in processing your application will take approximately 624 hours. Therefore we have determined the processing fee category for your application is Category 6. Enclosed is a cost recovery collection agreement which describes the scope of work to be performed, an estimated timeline, and estimated cost of processing the application. If the processing should take less hours, we will reimburse you the overpayment amount of hours not worked. If the processing should take more hours, we will charge you the additional hours. Any hours worked and monies spent are non-refundable regardless if you decide to withdraw your application at a later date or if it is discovered through analysis under National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) that your proposal is not in the best interest of the Forest Service mission. We can only refund the amount paid on work not performed. Please



have the authorized officer for Atlantic Coast Pipeline, LLC sign the agreement by March 14, 2016 and return to this office.

When the agreement is signed by both parties, we will create a *Bill for Collection* for payment. Once initial payment is made, we will begin processing your application.

After processing your application, if the Forest Service decision is to authorize your request for a special use permit for site survey and testing, we will begin the monitoring fees portion of the cost recovery agreement. We are estimating the monitoring associated with the work being performed and reviewing reports generated from such work will take approximately 2,664 hours. When we begin the monitoring and review process, we will bill for that estimated amount. Once this phase is completed, a final monitoring bill or refund will be issued.

If you have any questions about this process, please contact our Special Use Manager, Todd Hess, at (304) 636-1800 ext. 222 or tahess@fs.fed.us.

Sincerely,



CLYDE THOMPSON
Forest Supervisor

Enclosure: Cost Recovery Agreement with Attachments

cc: Rondi Fischer-District Ranger