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**U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE  
FOREST SERVICE**

**SPECIAL USE PERMIT**

**AUTHORITY:**

**MINERAL LEASING ACT, AS AMENDED February 25, 1920,  
FEDERAL LAND POLICY AND MGMT ACT, AS AMENDED October 21, 1976**

**ATLANTIC COAST PIPELINE, LLC of 707 EAST MAIN STREET, RICHMOND, VA, 23219** (hereinafter "the holder") is authorized to use or occupy National Forest System lands in the **Monongahela National Forest** and the **George Washington and Jefferson National Forest** of the National Forest System, subject to the terms and conditions of this special use permit (the permit).

This permit covers **381.78 acres** (GIS) or **36.43 miles** (GIS) in various **US Tracts** in the West Virginia County of Pocahontas, and Virginia Counties of Highland, Bath, and Augusta, ("the permit area"), as shown on the maps attached as **Exhibits A-D** and described in the land list attached as **Exhibit E**. These and any other exhibits to this permit are hereby incorporated into this permit. Alignment sheets and "as built" plans to be provided by the Holder will be the most accurate representation of the pipeline location and will be provided as completed by the Holder upon request by the Authorized Officer or his delegated contact.

This permit is issued for the purpose of:

**Temporary construction, installation, and use of a 42 inch natural gas transmission pipeline right-of-way** (known as Atlantic Coast Pipeline /ACP), temporary pipeline rights-of-way, temporary additional workspace, new access roads, and widening of existing system roads that are closed to the public within both the Monongahela and George Washington and Jefferson National Forests as shown on attached maps and land list Exhibits A-E.

The authorized width of the long-term pipeline right-of-way shall be 50 feet. The authorized width of temporary pipeline rights-of-way, temporary additional workspace, and roads are shown on Exhibits A-E.

A Construction, Operation and Maintenance (**COM**) **Plan** is attached to and made part of this permit as **Exhibit F**. The holder shall exercise the privileges granted herein in accordance with the COM Plan. Additional requirements for construction and operation are found in **Exhibit G**. Changes or updates to the COM Plan may be made in accordance with Clause III.C. of this permit. Following construction, all areas used shall be returned to its pre-existing state in accordance with the COM Plan and to the satisfaction of the Forest Service authorized officer as stated in Clause VII.E. of this permit. The exception shall be the pipeline and long-term road rights-of-way authorized in special use permit MAR205002.

As-built surveys, drawings, and maps shall be submitted to the Forest Service upon completion of the construction. These surveys will become part of special use permit MAR205002, issued for the operation and maintenance of the ACP pipeline.

Maps showing threatened endangered species are shown on **Exhibit H** while maps showing sensitive species are shown on **Exhibit I**. Both maps are privilege information and not for public release.

## **TERMS AND CONDITIONS**

### **I. GENERAL TERMS**

**A. AUTHORITY.** This permit is issued pursuant to the **MINERAL LEASING ACT, AS AMENDED February 25, 1920, FEDERAL LAND POLICY AND MGMT ACT, AS AMENDED October 21, 1976** and 36 CFR Part 251, Subpart B, as amended, and is subject to their provisions.

**B. AUTHORIZED OFFICER.** The authorized officer is the Regional Forester, the Forest or Grassland Supervisor, a District Ranger, or a Station Director with delegated authority pursuant to Forest Service Manual 2700.

**C. TERM.** This permit shall expire at midnight on **12/31/2022, 5 years** from the date of issuance.

**D. CONTINUATION OF USE AND OCCUPANCY.** This permit is not renewable. Prior to expiration of this permit, the holder may apply for a new permit for the use and occupancy authorized by this permit. Applications for a new permit must be submitted at least 6 months prior to expiration of this permit. Issuance of a new permit is at the sole discretion of the authorized officer. At a minimum, before issuing a new permit, the authorized officer shall ensure that (1) the use and occupancy to be authorized by the new permit is consistent with the standards and guidelines in the applicable land management plan; (2) the type of use and occupancy to be authorized by the new permit is the same as the type of use and occupancy authorized by this permit; and (3) the holder is in compliance with all the terms of this permit. The authorized officer may prescribe new terms and conditions when a new permit is issued.

**E. AMENDMENT.** This permit may be amended in whole or in part by the Forest Service when, at the discretion of the authorized officer, such action is deemed necessary or desirable to incorporate new terms that may be required by law, regulation, directive, the applicable forest land and resource management plan, or projects and activities implementing a land management plan pursuant to 36 CFR Part 215.

**F. COMPLIANCE WITH LAWS, REGULATIONS, AND OTHER LEGAL REQUIREMENTS.** In exercising the rights and privileges granted by this permit, the holder shall comply with all present and future federal laws and regulations and all present and future state, county, and municipal laws, regulations, and other legal requirements that apply to the permit area, to the extent they do not conflict with federal law, regulation, or policy. The Forest Service assumes no responsibility for enforcing laws, regulations, and other legal requirements that fall under the jurisdiction of other governmental entities.

**G. NON-EXCLUSIVE USE.** The use or occupancy authorized by this permit is not exclusive. The Forest Service reserves the right of access to the permit area, including a continuing right of physical entry to the permit area for inspection, monitoring, or any other purpose consistent with any right or obligation of the United States under any law or regulation. The Forest Service reserves the right to allow others to use the permit area in any way that is not inconsistent with the holder's rights and privileges under this permit, after consultation with all parties involved. Except for any restrictions that the holder and the authorized officer agree are necessary to protect the installation and operation of authorized temporary improvements, the lands and waters covered by this permit shall remain open to the public for all lawful purposes.

**H. ASSIGNABILITY.** This permit is not assignable or transferable.

**I. TRANSFER OF TITLE TO THE IMPROVEMENTS**

1. Notification of Transfer. The holder shall notify the authorized officer when a transfer of title to all or part of the authorized improvements is planned.

2. Transfer of Title. Any transfer of title to the improvements covered by this permit shall result in termination of the permit. The party who acquires title to the improvements must submit an application for a permit. The Forest Service is not obligated to issue a new permit to the party who acquires title to the improvements. The authorized officer shall determine that the applicant meets requirements under applicable federal regulations.

**J. CHANGE IN CONTROL OF THE BUSINESS ENTITY**

1. Notification of Change in Control. The holder shall notify the authorized officer when a change in control of the business entity that holds this permit is contemplated.

(a) In the case of a corporation, control is an interest, beneficial or otherwise, of sufficient outstanding voting securities or capital of the business so as to permit the exercise of managerial authority over the actions and operations of the corporation or election of a majority of the board of directors of the corporation.

(b) In the case of a partnership, limited partnership, joint venture, or individual entrepreneurship, control is a beneficial ownership of or interest in the entity or its capital so as to permit the exercise of managerial authority over the actions and operations of the entity.

(c) In other circumstances, control is any arrangement under which a third party has the ability to exercise management authority over the actions or operations of the business.

2. Effect of Change in Control. Any change in control of the business entity as defined in paragraph 1 of this clause shall result in termination of this permit. The party acquiring control must submit an application for a special use permit. The Forest Service is not obligated to issue a new permit to the party who acquires control. The authorized officer shall determine whether the applicant meets the requirements established by applicable federal regulations.

## **II. IMPROVEMENTS**

**A. LIMITATIONS ON USE.** Nothing in this permit gives or implies permission to build or maintain any structure or facility or to conduct any activity, unless specifically authorized by this permit. Any use not specifically authorized by this permit must be proposed in accordance with 36 CFR 251.54. Approval of such a proposal through issuance of a new permit or permit amendment is at the sole discretion of the authorized officer.

**B. PLANS.** All plans for development, layout, construction, reconstruction, or alteration of improvements in the permit area, as well as revisions to those plans must be prepared by a professional engineer, architect, landscape architect, or other qualified professional based on federal employment standards acceptable to the authorized officer. These plans and plan revisions must have written approval from the authorized officer before they are implemented. The authorized officer may require the holder to furnish as-built plans, maps, or surveys upon completion of the work.

**C. CONSTRUCTION.** Any construction authorized by this permit shall commence **after the date this permit is issued** and shall be completed by **the date this permit expires**.

## **III. OPERATIONS**

**A. PERIOD OF USE.** Use or occupancy of the permit area shall be exercised at least **10 days** each year.

**B. CONDITION OF OPERATIONS.** The holder shall maintain the authorized improvements and permit area to standards of repair, orderliness, neatness, sanitation, and safety acceptable to the authorized officer and consistent with other provisions of this permit. Standards are subject to periodic change by the authorized officer when deemed necessary to meet statutory, regulatory, or policy requirements or to protect national forest resources. The holder shall comply with inspection requirements deemed appropriate by the authorized officer.

**C. OPERATING PLAN.** The holder shall prepare and annually revise by **a date determined by the Forest Service** an operating plan. The operating plan shall be prepared in consultation with the authorized officer or the authorized officer's designated representative and shall cover all operations authorized by this permit. The operating plan shall outline steps the holder will take to protect public health and safety and the environment and shall include sufficient detail and standards to enable the Forest Service to monitor the holder's operations for compliance with the terms and conditions of this permit. The operating plan shall be submitted by the holder and approved by the authorized officer or the authorized officer's designated representative prior to commencement of operations and shall be attached to this permit as an appendix. The authorized officer may require an annual meeting with the holder to discuss the terms and conditions of the permit or operating plan, annual use reports, or other concerns either party may have.

**D. MONITORING BY THE FOREST SERVICE.** The Forest Service shall monitor the holder's operations and reserves the right to inspect the permit area and transmission facilities at any time for compliance with the terms of this permit. The holder shall comply with inspection requirements deemed appropriate by the authorized officer. The holder's obligations under this permit are not contingent upon any duty of the Forest Service to inspect the permit area or transmission facilities. A failure by the

Forest Service or other governmental officials to inspect is not a justification for noncompliance with any of the terms and conditions of this permit.

#### **IV. RIGHTS AND LIABILITIES**

**A. LEGAL EFFECT OF THE PERMIT.** This permit, which is revocable and terminable, is not a contract or a lease, but rather a federal license. The benefits and requirements conferred by this authorization are reviewable solely under the procedures set forth in 36 CFR 214, and 5 U.S.C. 704. This permit does not constitute a contract for purposes of the Contract Disputes Act, 41 U.S.C. 601. The permit is not real property, does not convey any interest in real property, and may not be used as collateral for a loan.

**B. VALID EXISTING RIGHTS.** This permit is subject to all valid existing rights. Valid existing rights include those derived under mining and mineral leasing laws of the United States. The United States is not liable to the holder for the exercise of any such right.

**C. ABSENCE OF THIRD-PARTY BENEFICIARY RIGHTS.** The parties to this permit do not intend to confer any rights on any third party as a beneficiary under this permit.

**D. SERVICES NOT PROVIDED.** This permit does not provide for the furnishing of road or trail maintenance, water, fire protection, search and rescue, or any other such service by a government agency, utility, association, or individual.

**E. RISK OF LOSS.** The holder assumes all risk of loss associated with use or occupancy of the permit area, including but not limited to theft, vandalism, fire and any fire-fighting activities (including prescribed burns), avalanches, rising waters, winds, falling limbs or trees, and other forces of nature. If authorized temporary improvements in the permit area are destroyed or substantially damaged, the authorized officer shall conduct an analysis to determine whether the improvements can be safely occupied in the future and whether rebuilding should be allowed. If rebuilding is not allowed, the permit shall terminate.

**F. DAMAGE TO UNITED STATES PROPERTY.** The holder has an affirmative duty to protect from damage the land, property, and other interests of the United States. Damage includes but is not limited to fire suppression costs and damage to government-owned improvements covered by this permit.

1. The holder shall be liable for all injury, loss, or damage, including fire suppression, prevention and control of the spread of invasive species, or other costs in connection with rehabilitation or restoration of natural resources resulting from the use or occupancy authorized by this permit. Compensation shall include but not be limited to the value of resources damaged or destroyed, the costs of restoration, cleanup, or other mitigation, fire suppression or other types of abatement costs, and all administrative, legal (including attorney's fees), and other costs. Such costs may be deducted from a performance bond required under clause IV.J.

2. The holder shall be liable for damage caused by use of the holder or the holder's heirs, assigns, agents, employees, contractors, or lessees to all roads and trails of the United States to the same extent as provided under clause IV.F.1, except that liability shall not include reasonable and ordinary wear and tear.

**G. HEALTH AND SAFETY.** The holder shall take all measures necessary to protect the health and safety of all persons affected by the use and occupancy authorized by this permit. The holder shall promptly abate as completely as possible and in compliance with all applicable laws and regulations any physical or mechanical procedure, activity, event, or condition existing or occurring in connection with the authorized use and occupancy during the term of this permit that causes or threatens to cause a hazard to the health or safety of the public or the holder's employees or agents. The holder shall as soon as practicable notify the authorized officer of all serious accidents that occur in connection with these procedures, activities, events, or conditions. The Forest Service has no duty under the terms of this permit to inspect the permit area or operations of the holder for hazardous conditions or compliance with health and safety standards.

**H. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION**

1. For purposes of clause IV.H and section V, "hazardous material" shall mean (a) any hazardous substance under section 101(14) of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA), 42 U.S.C. 9601(14); (b) any pollutant or contaminant under section 101(33) of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. 9601(33); (c) any petroleum product or its derivative, including fuel oil, and waste oils; and (d) any hazardous substance, extremely hazardous substance, toxic substance, hazardous waste, ignitable, reactive or corrosive materials, pollutant, contaminant, element, compound, mixture, solution or substance that may pose a present or potential hazard to human health or the environment under any applicable environmental laws.

2. The holder shall avoid damaging or contaminating the environment, including but not limited to the soil, vegetation (such as trees, shrubs, and grass), surface water, and groundwater, during the holder's use and occupancy of the permit area. Environmental damage includes but is not limited to all costs and damages associated with or resulting from the release or threatened release of a hazardous material occurring during or as a result of activities of the holder or the holder's heirs, assigns, agents, employees, contractors, or lessees on, or related to, the lands, property, and other interests covered by this permit. If the environment or any government property covered by this permit becomes damaged in connection with the holder's use and occupancy, the holder shall as soon as practicable repair the damage or replace the damaged items to the satisfaction of the authorized officer and at no expense to the United States.

3. The holder shall as soon as practicable, as completely as possible, and in compliance with all applicable laws and regulations abate any physical or mechanical procedure, activity, event, or condition existing or occurring in connection with the authorized use and occupancy during or after the term of this permit that causes or threatens to cause harm to the environment, including areas of vegetation or timber, fish or other wildlife populations, their habitats, or any other natural resources.

**I. INDEMNIFICATION OF THE UNITED STATES.** The holder shall indemnify, defend, and hold harmless the United States for any costs, damages, claims, liabilities, and judgments arising from past, present, and future acts or omissions of the holder in connection with the use or occupancy authorized by this permit. This indemnification provision includes but is not limited to acts and omissions of the holder or the holder's heirs, assigns, agents, employees, contractors, or lessees in connection with the use or occupancy authorized by this permit which result in (1) violations of any laws and regulations which are now or which may in the future become applicable; (2) judgments, claims, demands, penalties, or fees assessed against the United States; (3) costs, expenses, and damages incurred by the United States; or (4) the release

or threatened release of any solid waste, hazardous waste, hazardous materials, pollutant, contaminant, oil in any form, or petroleum product into the environment. The authorized officer may prescribe terms that allow the holder to replace, repair, restore, or otherwise undertake necessary curative actions to mitigate damages in addition to or as an alternative to monetary indemnification.

**J. BONDING.** The authorized officer may require the holder to furnish a surety bond or other security for any of the obligations imposed by the terms and conditions of this permit or any applicable law, regulation, or order.

1. As a further guarantee of compliance with the terms and conditions of this permit, the holder shall deliver and maintain a surety bond or other acceptable security, such as cash deposited and maintained in a federal depository or negotiable securities of the United States, in the amount of **\$4,300,000** for **environmental restoration efforts of the authorized area if Holder fails to comply with terms and conditions acceptable to the authorized officer for the duration of this permit until closed by the authorized officer.** The authorized officer may periodically evaluate the adequacy of the bond or other security and increase or decrease the amount as appropriate. If the bond or other security becomes unsatisfactory to the authorized officer, the holder shall within 30 days of demand furnish a new bond or other security issued by a surety that is solvent and satisfactory to the authorized officer. If the holder fails to meet any of the requirements secured under this clause, money deposited pursuant to this clause shall be retained by the United States to the extent necessary to satisfy the obligations secured under this clause, without prejudice to any other rights and remedies of the United States.

2. The bond shall be released or other security returned 30 days after (a) the authorized officer certifies that the obligations covered by the bond or other security are met and (b) the holder establishes to the satisfaction of the authorized officer that all claims for labor and material for the secured obligations have been paid or released.

3. Prior to undertaking additional construction or alteration not covered by the bond or other security, or when the authorized improvements are to be removed and the permit area restored the holder may be required to obtain additional bonding or security.

**K. STRICT LIABILITY.** The holder shall be strictly liable (liable without proof of negligence) to the United States for **\$1,000,000.00** per occurrence for any injury, loss, or damage arising in tort under this permit. Liability in tort for injury, loss, or damage to the United States exceeding the prescribed amount of strict liability in tort shall be determined under the law of negligence.

**L. INSURANCE.** The holder shall furnish proof of insurance, such as a certificate of insurance, to the authorized officer prior to issuance of this permit and each year thereafter that this permit is in effect. The Forest Service reserves the right to review the insurance policy and require any changes needed to ensure adequate coverage of the United States in connection with the authorized use and occupancy. The holder shall send an authenticated copy of any insurance policy obtained pursuant to this clause to the authorized officer immediately upon issuance of the policy. Any insurance policies obtained by the holder pursuant to this clause shall name the United States as an additional insured, and the additional insured provision shall provide for insurance coverage for the United States as required under this clause and to the extent of the full limits of insurance available to the holder. The holder shall give 30 days prior written notice to the authorized officer of cancellation of or any modification to the insurance policy. The certificate of insurance, the authenticated copy of the insurance policy, and written notice of

cancellation or modification of insurance policies should be sent to **United States, C/O Monongahela National Forest, 200 Sycamore Street, Elkins, WV 26241, Attention: Special Use Administrator**. Minimum amounts of coverage and other insurance requirements are subject to change at the sole discretion of the authorized officer on the anniversary date of this permit.

1. The holder shall have in force liability insurance covering losses, **including those arising from strict liability**, associated with the use or occupancy authorized by this permit arising from personal injury or death and third-party property damage in the minimum amount of **\$1 million** as a combined single limit per occurrence.
2. Depending on the holder's operations, the Forest Service may require the holder to demonstrate the availability of funds to address any release or threatened release of hazardous materials that may occur in connection with the holder's use or occupancy. Any requirements imposed would be established on a case-by-case basis by the authorized officer based on the degree of environmental risk from the holder's operations. The storage and use of normal maintenance supplies in nominal amounts generally would not trigger financial assurance requirements.

## **V. RESOURCE PROTECTION**

**A. COMPLIANCE WITH ENVIRONMENTAL LAWS.** The holder shall in connection with the use or occupancy authorized by this permit comply with all applicable federal, state, and local environmental laws and regulations, including but not limited to those established pursuant to the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act, as amended, 42 U.S.C. 6901 *et seq.*, the Federal Water Pollution Control Act, as amended, 33 U.S.C. 1251 *et seq.*, the Oil Pollution Act, as amended, 33 U.S.C. 2701 *et seq.*, the Clean Air Act, as amended, 42 U.S.C. 7401 *et seq.*, CERCLA, as amended, 42 U.S.C. 9601 *et seq.*, the Toxic Substances Control Act, as amended, 15 U.S.C. 2601 *et seq.*, the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act, as amended, 7 U.S.C. 136 *et seq.*, and the Safe Drinking Water Act, as amended, 42 U.S.C. 300f *et seq.*

**B. VANDALISM.** The holder shall take reasonable measures to prevent and discourage vandalism and disorderly conduct and when necessary shall contact the appropriate law enforcement officer.

### **C. PESTICIDE USE**

1. Authorized Officer Concurrence. Pesticides may not be used outside of buildings in the permit area to control pests, including undesirable woody and herbaceous vegetation (including aquatic plants), insects, birds, rodents, or fish without prior written concurrence of the authorized officer. Only those products registered or otherwise authorized by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and appropriate State authority for the specific purpose planned shall be authorized for use within areas on National Forest System lands.

2. Pesticide-Use Proposal. Requests for concurrence of any planned uses of pesticides shall be provided in advance using the Pesticide-Use Proposal (form FS-2100-2). Annually the holder shall, on the due date established by the authorized officer, submit requests for any new, or continued, pesticide usage. The Pesticide-Use Proposal shall cover a 12-month period of planned use. The Pesticide-Use Proposal shall be submitted at least 60 days in advance of pesticide application. Information essential for review shall be provided in the form specified. Exceptions to this schedule may be allowed, subject



to emergency request and approval, only when unexpected outbreaks of pests require control measures which were not anticipated at the time a Pesticide-Use Proposal was submitted.

3. Labeling, Laws, and Regulations. Label instructions and all applicable laws and regulations shall be strictly followed in the application of pesticides and disposal of excess materials and containers. No pesticide waste, excess materials, or containers shall be disposed of in any area administered by the Forest Service.

**D. ARCHAEOLOGICAL AND PALEONTOLOGICAL DISCOVERIES.** The holder shall immediately notify the authorized officer of all antiquities or other objects of historic or scientific interest, including but not limited to historic or prehistoric ruins, fossils, or artifacts discovered in connection with the use and occupancy authorized by this permit. The holder shall follow the applicable inadvertent discovery protocols for the undertaking provided in an agreement executed pursuant to section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act, 54 U.S.C. 306108; if there are no such agreed-upon protocols, the holder shall leave these discoveries intact and in place until consultation has occurred, as informed, if applicable, by any programmatic agreement with tribes. Protective and mitigation measures developed under this clause shall be the responsibility of the holder. However, the holder shall give the authorized officer written notice before implementing these measures and shall coordinate with the authorized officer for proximate and contextual discoveries extending beyond the permit area.

**E. NATIVE AMERICAN GRAVES PROTECTION AND REPATRIATION ACT (NAGPRA).** In accordance with 25 U.S.C. 3002(d) and 43 CFR 10.4, if the holder inadvertently discovers human remains, funerary objects, sacred objects, or objects of cultural patrimony on National Forest System lands, the holder shall immediately cease work in the area of the discovery and shall make a reasonable effort to protect and secure the items. The holder shall follow the applicable NAGPRA protocols for the undertaking provided in the NAGPRA plan of action or the NAGPRA comprehensive agreement; if there are no such agreed-upon protocols, the holder shall as soon as practicable notify the authorized officer of the discovery and shall follow up with written confirmation of the discovery. The activity that resulted in the inadvertent discovery may not resume until 30 days after the forest archaeologist certifies receipt of the written confirmation, if resumption of the activity is otherwise lawful, or at any time if a binding written agreement has been executed between the Forest Service and the affiliated Indian tribes that adopts a recovery plan for the human remains and objects.

**F. PROTECTION OF THREATENED AND ENDANGERED SPECIES, SENSITIVE SPECIES, AND SPECIES OF CONSERVATION CONCERN AND THEIR HABITAT**

1. Threatened and Endangered Species and Their Habitat. The location of sites within the permit area needing special measures for protection of plants or animals listed as threatened or endangered under the Endangered Species Act (ESA) of 1973, 16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*, as amended, or within designated critical habitat shall be shown on a map in an appendix to this permit and may be shown on the ground. The holder shall take any protective and mitigation measures specified by the authorized officer as necessary and appropriate to avoid or reduce effects on listed species or designated critical habitat affected by the authorized use and occupancy. Discovery by the holder or the Forest Service of other sites within the permit area containing threatened or endangered species or designated critical habitat not shown on the map in the appendix shall be promptly reported to the other party and shall be added to the map.

2. Sensitive Species and Species of Conservation Concern and Their Habitat. The location of sites within the permit area needing special measures for protection of plants or animals designated by the Regional Forester as sensitive species or as species of conservation concern pursuant to FSM 2670 shall be shown on a map in an appendix to this permit and may be shown on the ground. The holder shall take any protective and mitigation measures specified by the authorized officer as necessary and appropriate to avoid or reduce effects on sensitive species or species of conservation concern or their habitat affected by the authorized use and occupancy. Discovery by the holder or the Forest Service of other sites within the permit area containing sensitive species or species of conservation concern or their habitat not shown on the map in the appendix shall be promptly reported to the other party and shall be added to the map.

**G. CONSENT TO STORE HAZARDOUS MATERIALS.** The holder shall not store any hazardous materials at the site without prior written approval from the authorized officer. This approval shall not be unreasonably withheld. If the authorized officer provides approval, this permit shall include, or in the case of approval provided after this permit is issued, shall be amended to include specific terms addressing the storage of hazardous materials, including the specific type of materials to be stored, the volume, the type of storage, and a spill plan. Such terms shall be proposed by the holder and are subject to approval by the authorized officer.

1. If the holder receives consent to store hazardous material, the holder shall identify to the Forest Service any hazardous material to be stored at the site. This identifying information shall be consistent with column (1) of the table of hazardous materials and special provisions enumerated at 49 CFR 172.101 whenever the hazardous material appears in that table. For hazard communication purposes, the holder shall maintain Material Safety Data Sheets for any stored hazardous chemicals, consistent with 29 CFR 1910.1200(c) and (g). In addition, all hazardous materials stored by the holder shall be used, labeled, stored, transported, and disposed of in accordance with all applicable federal, state, and local laws and regulations.

2. The holder shall not release any hazardous material as defined in clause **IV.H** onto land or into rivers, streams, impoundments, or natural or man-made channels leading to them. All prudent and safe attempts must be made to contain any release of these materials. The authorized officer in charge may specify specific conditions that must be met, including conditions more stringent than federal, state, and local regulations, to prevent releases and protect natural resources.

3. If the holder uses or stores hazardous materials at the site, upon revocation or termination of this permit the holder shall provide the Forest Service with a report certified by a professional or professionals acceptable to the Forest Service that the permit area is uncontaminated by the presence of hazardous materials and that there has not been a release or discharge of hazardous materials upon the permit area, into surface water at or near the permit area, or into groundwater below the permit area during the term of the permit. If a release or discharge has occurred, the professional or professionals shall document and certify that the release or discharge has been fully remediated and that the permit area is in compliance with all applicable federal, state, and local laws and regulations.

#### **H. CLEANUP AND REMEDIATION**

1. The holder shall immediately notify all appropriate response authorities, including the National Response Center and the authorized officer or the authorized officer's designated representative, of any oil discharge or of the release of a hazardous material in the permit area in an amount greater than or equal to its reportable quantity, in accordance with 33 CFR Part 153, Subpart B, and 40 CFR Part 302. For the purposes of this requirement, "oil" is as defined by section 311(a)(1) of the Clean Water

Act, 33 U.S.C. 1321(a)(1). The holder shall immediately notify the authorized officer or the authorized officer's designated representative of any release or threatened release of any hazardous material in or near the permit area which may be harmful to public health or welfare or which may adversely affect natural resources on federal lands.

2. Except with respect to any federally permitted release as that term is defined under Section 101(10) of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. 9601(10), the holder shall clean up or otherwise remediate any release, threat of release, or discharge of hazardous materials that occurs either in the permit area or in connection with the holder's activities in the permit area, regardless of whether those activities are authorized under this permit. The holder shall perform cleanup or remediation immediately upon discovery of the release, threat of release, or discharge of hazardous materials. The holder shall perform the cleanup or remediation to the satisfaction of the authorized officer and at no expense to the United States. Upon revocation or termination of this permit, the holder shall deliver the site to the Forest Service free and clear of contamination.

## **VI. LAND USE FEE AND DEBT COLLECTION**

**A. LAND USE FEES.** The holder shall pay an initial annual land use fee of **\$45,733.79** for the period from **01/01/2018** to **12/31/2018**, and thereafter on **January 1<sup>st</sup>**, shall pay an annual land use fee of **\$45,733.79**. The annual land use fee shall be adjusted annually using the **IDP- GNP**.

**B. MODIFICATION OF THE LAND USE FEE.** The land use fee may be revised whenever necessary to reflect the market value of the authorized use or occupancy or when the fee system used to calculate the land use fee is modified or replaced.

### **C. FEE PAYMENT ISSUES.**

1. Crediting of Payments. Payments shall be credited on the date received by the deposit facility, except that if a payment is received on a non-workday, the payment shall not be credited until the next workday.

2. Disputed Fees. Fees are due and payable by the due date. Disputed fees must be paid in full. Adjustments will be made if dictated by an administrative appeal decision, a court decision, or settlement terms.

### 3. Late Payments

(a) Interest. Pursuant to 31 U.S.C. 3717 *et seq.*, interest shall be charged on any fee amount not paid within 30 days from the date it became due. The rate of interest assessed shall be the higher of the Prompt Payment Act rate or the rate of the current value of funds to the United States Treasury (i.e., the Treasury tax and loan account rate), as prescribed and published annually or quarterly by the Secretary of the Treasury in the *Federal Register* and the Treasury Fiscal Requirements Manual Bulletins. Interest on the principal shall accrue from the date the fee amount is due.

(b) Administrative Costs. If the account becomes delinquent, administrative costs to cover processing and handling the delinquency shall be assessed.

(c) Penalties. A penalty of 6% per annum shall be assessed on the total amount that is more than 90 days delinquent and shall accrue from the same date on which interest charges begin to accrue.

(d) Termination for Nonpayment. This permit shall terminate without the necessity of prior notice and opportunity to comply when any permit fee payment is 90 calendar days from the due date in arrears. The holder shall remain responsible for the delinquent fees.

4. Administrative Offset and Credit Reporting. Delinquent fees and other charges associated with the permit shall be subject to all rights and remedies afforded the United States pursuant to 31 U.S.C. 3711 *et seq.* and common law. Delinquencies are subject to any or all of the following:

(a) Administrative offset of payments due the holder from the Forest Service.

(b) If in excess of 60 days, referral to the United States Department of the Treasury for appropriate collection action as provided by 31 U.S.C. 3711(g)(1).

(c) Offset by the Secretary of the Treasury of any amount due the holder, as provided by 31 U.S.C. 3720 *et seq.*

(d) Disclosure to consumer or commercial credit reporting agencies.

## **VII. REVOCATION, SUSPENSION, AND TERMINATION**

**A. REVOCATION AND SUSPENSION**. The Authorized Officer may revoke or suspend this authorization in whole or in part:

1. For noncompliance with applicable Federal, State, or local laws and regulations, other than common carrier provisions in 30 U.S.C. § 185(r), which are enforced by the Secretary of the Interior.

2. For noncompliance with the terms of this authorization, other than common carrier provisions in clause VII.C, which are enforced by the Secretary of the Interior.

3. For abandonment of the right-of-way. Failure of the holder to use the right-of-way for a continuous 2-year period shall constitute a rebuttable presumption of abandonment of the right-of-way.

Prior to revocation or suspension under this clause, other than immediate suspension under clause VII.B, the Authorized Officer or, for common carrier provisions, the Secretary of the Interior, shall give the holder written notice of the grounds for revocation or suspension and a reasonable period, not to exceed **90** days, to resume use of the right-of-way or to cure any noncompliance.

**B. IMMEDIATE SUSPENSION**. The Authorized Officer may immediately suspend this authorization in whole or in part when necessary to protect public health or safety or the environment. The suspension decision shall be in writing. The holder may request an on-site review with the Authorized Officer's supervisor of the adverse conditions prompting the suspension. The Authorized Officer's supervisor shall grant this request within 48 hours. Following the on-site review, the Authorized Officer's supervisor shall promptly affirm, modify, or cancel the suspension.

### **C. COMMON CARRIER OBLIGATIONS.**

1. Pipelines and related facilities covered by this authorization shall be constructed, operated, and maintained as common carriers. The holder shall accept, convey, transport, or purchase without discrimination all oil or gas delivered to those pipelines without regard to whether the oil or gas was produced from Federal or non-Federal lands.
2. Whenever the Secretary of the Interior has reason to believe that the holder is not operating any oil or gas pipeline in complete accord with its obligations as a common carrier, the Secretary of the Interior may request the Attorney General to prosecute an appropriate proceeding before the Secretary of Energy or Federal Energy Regulatory

Commission or any appropriate state agency or Federal district court for the district in which the pipeline or any part of it is located to enforce the holder's common carrier obligations or to impose any penalty provided for noncompliance with those obligations, or the Secretary of the Interior may suspend or revoke this authorization pursuant to clause VII.A.

3. In the case of oil and gas produced from Federal lands or from resources on Federal lands in the vicinity of the pipelines covered by this authorization, the Secretary of the Interior may, after notice to the interested parties, a full hearing, and proper finding of facts, determine the proportionate amounts of oil and gas to be accepted, conveyed, transported, or purchased.
4. The common carrier provisions in clause VII.C shall not apply to any natural gas pipeline covered by this authorization that is operated by any person subject to regulation under the Natural Gas Act, 15 U.S.C. 717 et seq., or by any public utility subject to regulation by a State or municipal regulatory agency with jurisdiction to regulate the rates and charges for the sale of natural gas to consumers in that State or municipality.
5. Where natural gas not subject to state regulatory or conservation laws governing its purchase by pipelines is offered for sale, pipelines covered by this authorization shall purchase without discrimination any such natural gas produced in the vicinity of those pipelines.

**D. APPEALS AND REMEDIES.** Written decisions by the Authorized Officer relating to administration of this authorization, other than revocation or suspension decisions, are subject to administrative appeal pursuant to 36 CFR Part 214, as amended. Revocation and suspension of this authorization by the Authorized Officer are subject to administrative proceedings pursuant to 7 CFR Part 1, Subpart H, as amended. Revocation and suspension of this authorization by the Secretary of the Interior are subject to administrative proceedings pursuant to regulations promulgated by the U.S. Department of the Interior. Revocation or suspension of this authorization shall not give rise to any claim for damages by the holder against the Forest Service or the Secretary of the Interior.

**E. TERMINATION.** This permit shall terminate when by its terms a fixed or agreed upon condition, event, or time occurs without any action by the authorized officer. Examples include but are not limited to expiration of the permit by its terms on a specified date and termination upon change of control of the business entity. Termination of this permit shall not require notice, a decision document, or any environmental analysis or other documentation. Termination of this permit is not subject to administrative appeal and shall not give rise to any claim for damages by the holder against the Forest Service.

**F. RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES UPON REVOCATION OR TERMINATION WITHOUT ISSUANCE OF A NEW PERMIT.**

Upon revocation or termination of this permit without issuance of a new permit, the holder shall remove all structures and improvements, except those owned by the United States, within a reasonable period prescribed by the authorized officer and shall restore the site to the satisfaction of the authorized officer. If the holder fails to remove all structures and improvements within the prescribed period, they shall become the property of the United States and may be sold, destroyed, or otherwise disposed of without any liability to the United States. However, the holder shall remain liable for all costs associated with their removal, including costs of sale and impoundment, cleanup, and restoration of the site.

**VIII. MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS**

**A. MEMBERS OF CONGRESS.** No member of or delegate to Congress or resident commissioner shall benefit from this permit either directly or indirectly, except to the extent the authorized use provides a general benefit to a corporation.

**B. CURRENT ADDRESSES.** The holder and the Forest Service shall keep each other informed of current mailing addresses, including those necessary for billing and payment of land use fees.

**C. SUPERSEDED PERMIT.** This permit supersedes a special use permit designated **Not Applicable**.

**D. SUPERIOR CLAUSES.** If there is a conflict between any of the preceding printed clauses and any of the following clauses, the preceding printed clauses shall control.

**E. RIGHT-OF-WAY WIDTH, OIL AND GAS PIPELINE.** The width of the right-of-way is limited to **50 feet regardless of the pipeline's diameter**.

**F. STANDARDS AND PRACTICES.** All designs, materials, construction, operation, maintenance, and termination practices employed in connection with this use shall be in accordance with safe and proven engineering practices and shall meet or exceed the standards contained in the following:

1. U.S. Department of Transportation Regulations at 49 CFR Part 192.

**G. SURVEYS, LAND CORNERS.** The holder shall protect, in place, all public land survey monuments, private property corners, and Forest boundary markers. In the event that any such land markers or monuments are destroyed in the exercise of the privileges permitted by this authorization, depending on the type of monument destroyed, the holder shall see that they are reestablished or referenced in accordance with (1) the procedures outlined in the "Manual of Instructions for the Survey of the Public Land of the United States," (2) the specifications of the county surveyor, or (3) the specifications of the Forest Service.

Further, the holder shall cause such official survey records as are affected to be amended as provided by law. Nothing in this clause shall relieve the holder's liability for the willful destruction or modification of any Government survey marker as provided at 18 U.S.C. 1858.

**H. GROUND SURFACE PROTECTION AND RESTORATION.** The holder shall prevent and control soil erosion and gullyng on National Forest System lands in and adjacent to the permit area resulting from construction, operation, maintenance, and termination of the authorized use. The holder shall construct authorized improvements so as to avoid accumulation of excessive amounts of water in the permit area and encroachment on streams. The holder shall revegetate or otherwise stabilize (for example, by constructing a retaining wall) all ground where the soil has been exposed as a result of the holder's construction, maintenance, operation, or termination of the authorized use.

**I. OIL AND GAS PIPELINE AUTHORIZATION.** This clause was inserted earlier to replace standard clauses in Sections VII.A through VII.D of this 2700-4 permit.

**J. IMPROVEMENT RELOCATION.** This authorization is granted with the express understanding that should future location of United States Government-owned improvements or road rights-of-way require the relocation of the holder's improvements, such relocation will be done by, and at the expense of, the holder within a reasonable time as specified by the Authorized Officer.

**K. CORPORATION STATUS NOTIFICATION.** The holder may furnish the Authorized Officer with the names and addresses of shareholders owning three (3) percent or more of the shares, and number and percentage of any class of voting shares of the entity which such shareholder is authorized to vote. In addition, the holder shall notify the Authorized Officer within fifteen (15) days of the following changes:

1. Names of officers appointed or terminated.
2. Names of stockholders who acquire stock shares causing their ownership to exceed 50 percent of shares issued or who otherwise acquire controlling interest in the corporation.
3. A copy of the articles of incorporation and bylaws.
4. An authenticated copy of a resolution of the board of directors specifically authorizing a certain individual or individuals to represent the holder in dealing with the Forest Service.
5. A list of officers and directors of the corporation and their addresses.
6. Upon request, a certified list of stockholders and amount of stock owned by each.
7. The Authorized Officer may, when necessary, require the holder to furnish additional information as set forth in 36 CFR 251.54(d)(2)(ii)(D).

**L. OIL, GAS AND RELATED MATERIALS PIPELINE STANDARDS.** Related mechanical facilities such as pumps, pump stations, and tanks shall be designed, constructed, operated and maintained in accordance with safe and proven engineering practice, and meet or exceed recognized engineering standards for the type of facility.

**M. PIPELINE CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS.**

Pipeline and related mechanical facilities herein authorized shall be designed, constructed, operated and maintained under the supervision of, and certified by, a qualified professional engineer licensed in the State in which the project is located.

Operation of pipelines or related mechanical facilities is not authorized until the holder has furnished to the Forest Service written certification, by the qualified professional engineer who inspected construction, that the pipeline and related mechanical facilities have been constructed in accordance with the standards identified in clause **VIII.F** and the Forest Service has issued written operating approval.

**N. INVASIVE SPECIES PREVENTION AND CONTROL.** The holder shall be responsible for the prevention and control of noxious weeds and invasive species arising from the authorized use. For the purpose of this clause, noxious weeds and invasive species include those species recognized as such by **the Monongahela and George Washington and Jefferson National Forests**. When determined to be necessary by the authorizing officer, the holder shall develop a plan for noxious weed and invasive species prevention and control. Such plans must have prior written approval from the authorizing official and upon approval, shall be attached to the permit as an appendix.

**O. REMOVAL AND PLANTING OF VEGETATION AND OTHER RESOURCES.** This permit does not authorize the cutting of timber or other vegetation. Trees or shrubbery may be removed or destroyed only after the Authorized Officer or the Authorized Officer's designated representative has approved in writing and marked or otherwise identified what may be removed or destroyed. Timber cut or destroyed shall be paid for at current stumpage rates for similar timber in the **Monongahela and the George Washington and Jefferson National Forests**. The Forest Service reserves the right to dispose of the merchantable timber to those other than the holder at no stumpage cost to the holder. Unmerchantable material shall be disposed of as directed by the Authorized Officer. Trees, shrubs, and other plants may be planted within the permit area with prior written approval of the Authorized Officer.

**P. TIMBER PAYMENT.** All National Forest timber cut or destroyed in the construction of the permitted improvements shall be paid for at current stumpage rates for similar timber in the National Forest. Young-growth timber below merchantable size will be paid for at current damage-appraisal value; and all slash and debris resulting from the cutting or destruction of such timber shall be disposed of as necessary or as the Forest Service may direct.

**Q. SIGNS.** Signs or advertising devices erected on National Forest System lands shall have prior approval by the Forest Service as to location, design, size, color, and message. Erected signs shall be maintained or renewed as necessary to neat and presentable standards, as determined by the Forest Service.

**R. PERFORMANCE BY HOLDER, SUCCESSORS, OR ASSIGNS.** Notwithstanding the expiration or any renewal of this authorization or its earlier relinquishment, abandonment, or other termination, the provisions of this authorization, to the extent applicable, shall continue in effect and shall be binding on the holder, successors, or assigns, until they have fully performed their respective obligations and liabilities accruing before or on account of the expiration, or prior termination, of the authorization.

**S. PERFORMANCE BY OTHER THAN HOLDER.** The acquisition or assumption by another party under an agreement with the holder of any right or obligation of the holder under this authorization shall be ineffective as to the Forest Service unless and until approved by the Authorized Forest Officer. A subsequent acquisition or assumption shall not:

1. Operate to relieve the holder of the responsibilities or liabilities they have assumed hereunder, or



2. Be given unless such other party (1) is acceptable to the Forest Service as a holder, and assumes in writing all of the obligations to the Forest Service under the terms of this authorization as to the incomplete portion thereof, or (2) acquires the rights in trust as security and subject to such conditions as may be necessary for the protection of the public interests.


**T. APPROVAL TO INITIATE WORK.** Before actively initiating work under this authorization, the holder's or holder's representative shall advise the Authorized Officer of the date upon which active field work will be initiated. Approval for the work shall be issued in writing by the Authorized Officer. The approval shall list local restrictions pertaining to fire hazard, off-road vehicles, camp locations, and so forth.

**U. OWNERSHIP CHANGE.** Holder shall immediately advise the authorized officer in the likelihood of any ownership changes affecting the operations authorized by this permit. The holder will inform the prospective buyer of the authorization and recommend contact with the authorized officer before a new permit application is submitted.

**V. PRIVATE ROAD GATE INSTALLATION.** To ensure against unauthorized public use of the permitted road without interference with the Government's use for administrative purposes, the permittee is authorized to install and/or sign a gate in accordance with design and location approved in advance by the Forest Officer in charge. Once installed, the custody, control, and safety maintenance of said gate is the sole duty and responsibility of the permittee.

**THIS PERMIT IS ACCEPTED SUBJECT TO ALL ITS TERMS AND CONDITIONS.**

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