



File Code: 2720

Date: December 30, 2014

William A. Scarpinato
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Dear Mr. Scarpinato:

This letter serves to officially accept your application for a special use permit to conduct resource surveys and testing on National Forest System lands in the Monongahela National Forest. You have identified a route through the Forest 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 GBR205003. As outlined below we will begin processing your application. Note that we remain concerned that you are apparently only assessing this one route in detail. We continue to encourage you to perform a similar level of survey upon multiple routes, given the resource and partnership issues and priorities known to exist in the identified area.

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. Processing fees cover a portion of the agency's 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.

We estimate that Forest Service actions involved in processing your special use application will take approximately 556 hours. Therefore we have determined that 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 the 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 your authorized officer sign the agreement by January 30, 2015 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 requested special use of site survey and testing, we will begin the monitoring fees portion of cost recovery agreement. We are estimating the monitoring associated with the work being performed and reviewing reports generated from such work will take approximately 2,442 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 Uses Manager, Todd Hess, at 304-636-1800 extension 222 or tahess@fs.fed.us.

We look forward to continuing discussions with you about this route and our concerns regarding potential pipeline construction across the Cheat Mountain Range.

Sincerely,


CLYDE N. THOMPSON
Forest Supervisor

cc: Robert M. Bisha - Dominion, Kevin Bowman - FERC