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Mr. Richard Kopec
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Cayce, South Carolina 29033

Dear Mr. Kopec:

This letter is in response to a Pre-Construction Notification (PCN) (SAC-2014-00925) received March 3, 2015, which was considered complete on May 26, 2016. By submittal of the PCN, you requested verification that the proposed project is authorized by a Department of the Army (DA) Nationwide Permit (NWP).

The PCN contains the following identifying information for this project. The work affecting waters of the United States is part of an overall project known as Eastover Pipeline Project, to install a new natural gas pipeline. The project involves includes boring 543.7 linear feet under the Congaree River, temporary impacts to not more than 2.077 acres of waters of the United States and permanent impacts to 60 linear feet of intermittent/perennial streams, including wetlands. The project is located on wetlands and tributaries of the Congaree and Wateree Rivers in Richland and Calhoun Counties, South Carolina (Latitude: 33.8981 °N, Longitude: -81.003 °W). The PCN also includes the following supplemental information:

- a. Drawing sheets 1-51 of 51 titled "SAC-2014-00925, Eastover Pipeline Project, Richland & Calhoun Counties, South Carolina" and dated May 31, 2016;
- b. A delineation of wetlands, other special aquatic sites, and other waters (SAC-2014-00925, May 26, 2016).

Based on a review of the PCN, including the supplemental information indicated above, it has been determined that the proposed activity will result in minimal individual and cumulative adverse environmental effects and is not contrary to the public interest. Furthermore, the activity meets the terms and conditions of NWP 12 Utility Line Activities.

For this authorization to remain valid, the project must comply with the enclosed Nationwide Permit General Conditions, Charleston District Regional Conditions, and the following special conditions:

1. **That prior to beginning the authorized work the permittee must obtain and provide the Corps with a copy of all appropriate state certifications and/or authorizations (i.e. 401 Water Quality Certification, Coastal Zone Management Consistency Determination, State Navigable Waters Permit). If the permittee fails to obtain the necessary state certifications and/or authorizations prior to beginning work, this will be considered a willful and knowing violation of the Clean Water Act and appropriate enforcement action will be taken.**

2. That impacts to aquatic areas do not exceed those specified in the above mentioned PCN, including any supplemental information or revised permit drawings that were submitted to the Corps by the permittee;
3. That the construction, use, and maintenance of the authorized activity is in accordance with the information given in the PCN, including the supplemental information listed above, and is subject to any conditions or restrictions imposed by this letter;
4. That the permittee shall submit the attached signed compliance certification to the Corps within 30 days following completion of the authorized work.
5. The permittee understands and agrees that, if future operations by the United States require the removal, relocation, or other alteration, of the structure or work herein authorized, or if, in the opinion of the Secretary of the Army or his authorized representative, said structure or work shall cause unreasonable obstruction to the free navigation of the navigable waters, the permittee will be required, upon due notice from the Corps of Engineers, to remove, relocate, or alter the structural work or obstructions caused thereby, without expense to the United States. No claim shall be made against the United States on account of any such removal or alteration.
6. The National Ocean Service (NOS) has been notified of this authorization. The permittee must notify NOS and this office in writing, at least two weeks before beginning work and upon completion of the activity authorized by this permit. Notification of completion must include a drawing which certifies the location and configuration of the completed activity (a certified permit drawing may be used). Notifications to NOS will be sent to the following address: National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Office of Coast Survey, Marine Chart Division, Nautical Data Branch, NCS-26, 1315 East West Highway, Silver Springs, Maryland 20910-3282.

This verification is valid until March 18, 2017, unless the district engineer modifies, suspends, or revokes the nationwide permit authorization in accordance with 33 CFR 330.5(d). If prior to this date, the NWP authorization is reissued without modification or the activity complies with any subsequent modification of the NWP authorization, the verification continues to remain valid until March 18, 2017. If you commence, or are under contract to commence, this activity before the nationwide permit expires, or the nationwide permit is modified, suspended, or revoked by the Chief of Engineers or division engineer in accordance with 33 CFR 330.5(b) or (c), respectively, so that the activity would no longer comply with the terms and conditions of the nationwide permit, you will have 12 months after the date the nationwide permit expires or is modified, suspended, or revoked, to complete the activity under the present terms and conditions of this nationwide permit.

This Nationwide permit is being verified based on the information you have provided. It is your responsibility to read the attached Nationwide Permits(s) along with the General, Regional, and Special Conditions before you begin work. If you determine that your project will not be able to meet the Nationwide Permit and the conditions, you must contact the Corps before you proceed.

Your cooperation in the protection and preservation of our navigable waters and natural resources is appreciated. In all future correspondence concerning this matter, please refer to our file number SAC-2014-00925. A copy of this letter is being forwarded to certain State and/or Federal agencies for their information. If you have any questions concerning this matter, please contact me at 803-253-3903.

Sincerely,

Kristin B. Andrade
Watershed Manager

Enclosures

Permit Drawings
NWP 12 Utility Line Activities.
Nationwide Permit General Conditions
Nationwide Permit Regional Conditions
Compliance Certification Form

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