

October 28, 2020

Texas Eastern Transmission, LP
c/o Mr. William Brett, Supervisor – Environmental Construction Permitting
890 Winter Street, Suite 300
Waltham, MA 02451

Re: Technical Deficiency Notification
State Water Quality Certification
Conemaugh River Crossing Project
DEP Application No. WQ6583220-001
APS ID No. 1017991; AUTH ID No. 1317321
Derry Township, Westmoreland County
Blacklick Township, Indiana County

Dear Mr. Brett:

The Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) has reviewed the above referenced application package and has identified the following technical deficiencies:

1. Section 1.6.1, "Maintained ROW", states:

"Within wetlands and riparian areas, the maintained ROW would be reduced to 30 feet. Within the 30-foot maintained ROW in wetlands, trees within 15 feet of the pipeline that could compromise the integrity of the pipeline may be selectively cut and removed from the ROW. A permanent 10-foot wide cleared corridor would be maintained as herbaceous cover through wetlands in accordance with FERC's Plan (FERC, 2013b) and Procedures (FERC, 2013a)."

These widths are contradicted in the E&S Narrative (included as Appendix C) under Section 12.1, which states:

"Routine vegetation mowing or clearing of the permanent right-of-way in wetlands should not exceed a width of 50 feet, centered on the pipeline. To facilitate periodic inspection and maintenance activities, a maximum 75-foot-wide corridor centered on the pipeline may be cleared at a frequency necessary to maintain the 50-foot corridor in an herbaceous state. In addition, trees within 25 feet of the pipeline with roots that could compromise the integrity of pipeline coating may be selectively cut and removed from the permanent right-of-way."

Please clarify how the ROW will be maintained, and revise as necessary.

2. Please revise the Environmental Assessment (EA) to be consistent with and correspond to all changes made to the 105 Joint Permit Application for this project.

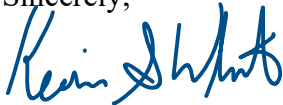
You must submit a response fully addressing each of the technical deficiencies set forth above. Please note that this information must be received within sixty (60) calendar days from the date of this letter, on or before **December 27, 2020**, or DEP may consider the application withdrawn.

You may request a time extension, in writing, to respond to the deficiencies beyond the sixty (60) calendar days. The request must be received prior to the response due date. Requests for time extensions will be reviewed and considered by DEP. You will be notified in writing of the decision either to grant or deny, including a specific due date to respond if the extension is granted.

If you believe that any of the stated deficiencies is not significant, instead of submitting a response to that deficiency, you have the option of asking DEP to make a decision based on the information with regard to the subject matter of that deficiency that you have already made available. If you choose this option with regard to any deficiency, you should explain and justify how your current submission satisfies that deficiency. Please keep in mind that if you fail to respond, your application may be withdrawn or denied.

If you have questions about the identified incompleteness items, please contact Melissa Harrison at 717-772-0432 or melharriso@pa.gov and refer to the Application number referenced above. You may also follow your application through the review process, please visit eFACTS on the Web at: <http://www.ahs2.dep.state.pa.us/eFactsWeb/default.aspx>.

Sincerely,



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Environmental Group Manager
Regional Permit Coordination Office

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U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Pittsburgh District (by email)
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