

**SUBJECT: Homer City Generation LP**  
 Indiana County  
 Black Lick, Township of; Center, Township of

**TO:** Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission-  
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 595 E. Rolling Ridge Drive  
 Bellefonte, PA 16823

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<b>Date Received By PFBC: 11/26/2025</b>
<b>Permit No.: E3206225-004</b>
<b>Permit Type:</b> Encroachment
<b>Contact Information:</b>
<b>DEP-Reviewing Biologist:</b> Chris Frey
<b>PFBC Reviewer:</b> Clayton Good

**Project Description**

**Type of work:** Application Project Description:  
 E3206225-004, Homer City Redevelopment, 1750 Power Plant Road, Homer City, PA 15748. Power Block Phase II, in Center and Blacklick Townships, Indiana County, ACOE Pittsburgh District (Indiana, PA Quadrangle N: 40.517958°; W: -79.196697°).

To impact a total of 2.459 acres of 12 wetland areas and 162.35 feet of UNT Cherry Run having a contributory drainage area of less than 100 acres for the construction of a natural gas fired power plant, including site grading for construction staging and laydown areas, relocation of an existing water treatment plant, and power generation units. Project is located on the former Homer City Generation coal fired power plant property southwest of Homer City.

Proposed aquatic resource impacts include 0.86 acres of temporary disturbance to PEM wetland, 1.6 acres of permanent disturbance to PEM/PFO wetland, and 162.35 linear feet of permanent stream channel impact.

Applicant proposes mitigation for project impacts through purchase of mitigation bank credits at the Paden Creek Mitigation Bank for federally jurisdictional wetland impacts (W-38A). Mitigation for the remaining permanent wetland impacts are proposed to be offset through the PIESCES in-lieu fee program. No mitigation is proposed for the waived stream impacts.

As of the date of this application the department is aware of the following related projects with aquatic resource impacts associated with redevelopment of the Homer City Generation properties:

1. Lake Bruce Dam (D32-088EA) – removal of Lake Bruce Dam and impoundment.
2. Bruner Field (E3206225-003) – grading of a site for future development.
3. Power Plant Road Relocation (WV3206125-004, GP083206125-005, GP073206125-005, GP05073206125-005) – relocation of an access road to the generation facility.
4. HCPP Pipeline (GP083206125-005, GP053206125-005, WV3206125-006) – a natural gas supply pipeline.
5. Outfall 027 Waterline – a replacement of the effluent discharge line from the facilities water treatment plant. Project includes stream and wetland crossings, some which were included within the Power Plant Road Relocation project, along with additional anticipated wetland and or stream crossings and a new outfall near the confluence of Blacklick Creek and Two Lick Creek.

**NOTE: Please review the attached application for a Water Obstruction and Encroachment Permit for the project described above, and return comments to this office within 30 days.**

**Project Location/PFBC Stream Management:**

Latitude	Longitude	Primary Water	Receiving Water	Stocked	Wild
40.520912	-79.197898	Wetland	Two Lick Creek	No	No
40.517790	-79.190184	Wetland	Two Lick Creek	No	No
40.516711	-79.190035	Wetland	Two Lick Creek	No	No
40.517180	-79.189864	Wetland	Two Lick Creek	No	No
40.516753	-79.187368	Wetland	Two Lick Creek	No	No

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40.517636	-79.185997	Wetland	Two Lick Creek	No	No
40.517868	-79.185816	Wetland	Two Lick Creek	No	No
40.517362	-79.185749	Wetland	Two Lick Creek	No	No
40.517110	-79.190865	Wetland	Two Lick Creek	No	No
40.515573	-79.202817	Wetland	Two Lick Creek	No	No
40.518690	-79.194216	UNT to Cherry Run (RM 1.04)	Cherry Run	No	No

**Specific Project**

**Comments:**

The Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission (PFBC) recommends that the applicant provide additional information on the proposed water intake updates. This information should include detail on the new screen such as size and through screen velocities. The PFBC is also interested in further detail on the fish return system.

All activities associated with modifications of the intake facility regulated under Chapter 105 should be included in this permit application.

The PFBC is concerned about the lack of a single and complete project for the buildout of the greater Homer City power generation facility, data center facility construction and subsequent utility and road infrastructure upgrades. This will make accurate accounting of cumulative impacts to aquatic resources challenging and increases the difficulty in ensuring appropriate compensatory mitigation is provided. The PFBC acknowledges the current approach for this application to split compensatory mitigation between purchase of credits from an established mitigation bank and payment into the state in-lieu fee program or PIESCES. However, the PFBC recommends that the Department of Environmental Protection encourage the applicant to seek out opportunities to construct a local permittee responsible mitigation site that will comprehensively restore hydrologic and biological functions of a stream and wetland system to offset impacts to aquatic resources that are proposed. Permittee responsible mitigation will help to offset concerns with temporal loss of aquatic resources as the PFBC is unaware of current proposals to utilize In-Lieu Fee payments for a restoration project in this region.

The PFBC recommends that the applicant provide additional information for the proposed stream impacts to ensure that the proposed structure will be stable and to assess what the resulting impacts to the functions and values of regulated aquatic resources will be.

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 (PFBC Division of Environmental Services)

Approved  Not Approved   
 See Comments  Withdrawn

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 12/18/2025  
 (Date)

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