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Mr. Steven R. Ewing  
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RE: Proposed Gas Line Installation for  
BL England Power Plant

Dear Mr. Ewing:

I am in receipt of your July 1, 2014 e-mail wherein feedback is requested regarding the Turnpike Authority's (Authority) position pertaining to the potential installation of a new 24-inch high pressure gas pipeline within the Garden State Parkway right-of-way.

The Authority has a Policy that establishes the requirements for the installation of third party utilities within the Authority's right-of-way. The Policy, which is outlined in Section 7 of the Authority's Procedures Manual (<http://www.state.nj.us/turnpike/documents/PM-Section-7-Utility-Installation-8-6-13.pdf>), states that such utilities "will not be allowed to be oriented parallel or diagonal to the Authority's right of way without the advance approval of the Authority's Engineering Department. To date, the Authority's Engineering Department has not granted any such approvals.

There are several reasons for not allowing parallel occupancy of third party utilities within the Authority's right of way. The most significant reason for this policy is that the Authority must be able to maintain, modify or expand its facilities as needed without being encumbered by third party infrastructure. The applicable types of activities that are commonly performed include roadway improvements, drainage improvements, the construction of new or modified bridge structures, the installation of wells for engineering or environmental purposes, construction staging areas, etc. Any such third party utility encumbrances would significantly complicate efforts associated with these types of activities. Unfortunately exceptions cannot be made to this policy because such exceptions would set a precedent such that the Authority would be in a position to justify specific denials to any such future requests. For that reason all such parallel occupancy is unacceptable to the Engineering Department.

Unfortunately the Authority cannot accommodate your request for parallel occupancy, however this is an issue for which the Engineering Department has no flexibility.

Very truly yours,

  
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Chief Engineer

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