

EXHIBIT Q



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CERTIFICATE OF FILING

Application #: 2014-0045.001

Applicant: New Jersey Natural Gas
Ocean County Routes 539 & 547

Block 23601, Lot 1: 6,464.43 acres
Jackson Township

Block 72.01, Lot 14.03: 5.40 acres
Block 70, Lot 18: 1,065.5 acres
Block 71, Lot 13: 0.28 acres
Block 200, Lot 2: 11.32 acres
Manchester Township

Block 91, Lot 1: 761 acres
Block 92, Lot 1: 10,898 acres
Block 76, Lot 82.02: 1.0 acres
Block 76, Lot 83.01: 35.76 acres
Plumsted Township

Proposed Development

Installation of 12.1 miles of 30 inch natural gas main within Ocean County Route 539 & 547 rights-of-way and on the above referenced lots

Please see reverse side for additional information and conditions.

Plan(s) Subject of Certificate of Filing

Site Plan, consisting of 15 sheets, prepared by AECOM and dated as follows:

Sheets 1-12, 14 & 14A, dated 8/17/2015

Sheet 13, dated 8/17/2015, last revised 11/25/2015

Site Plan, consisting of 1 sheet, prepared by AECOM, dated 10/23/2015.

Site Plan, consisting of 4 sheets, prepared by AECOM and dated as follows:

Sheets 1-4, dated 11/25/2015



December 9, 2015

Date

Charles M. Horner, P.P.
Director of Regulatory Programs

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BACKGROUND

Relevant Information:

- There are wetlands located within 300 feet of the proposed development. The proposed development will result in the clearing of 0.009 acres of wetlands.
- The United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) is undertaking remediation activities along portions of the proposed natural gas main route on Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst (JBMDL).
- Permitted Land Use: See Attachment B

CONDITIONS

1. No development shall occur until either the Commission staff issues a letter advising that any municipal or county approvals or permits may take effect or, if municipal or county permits or approvals are preempted by State laws or regulations, a determination is made under the "Coordinating Permitting with State Agencies" provisions of the Pinelands Comprehensive Management Plan (CMP, N.J.A.C. 7:50-4.81-4.85) that any State approval or permit is consistent with the minimum standards of the CMP.
2. Prior to any determination in accordance with Condition 1, above, the applicant shall provide documentation to the Commission from an appropriate agency, such as the USEPA or the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, that development of the proposed natural gas main will not affect any remediation activities occurring along the proposed natural gas main route on JB MDL.
3. Prior to the construction of any portion of the proposed development which will result in the disturbance of any wetland area, a Freshwater Wetland Permit shall be obtained pursuant to the New Jersey Freshwater Wetlands Protection Act.

NEXT STEPS

- This Certificate of Filing is not an approval.
- Submit a copy of this Certificate of Filing to all county and municipal agencies that are required to review and act on your application (municipal planning board, building department, county health department, etc.).
- Send a copy of all approvals/permits that are issued by the county or municipality to the Pinelands Commission for review. Please use the attached *Local Agency Approval Submission Checklist (Attachment A)* to make sure you are submitting all required documentation related to the approval/permit.
- No local approval/permit takes effect and no development can occur until the Pinelands Commission has reviewed the approval. When we complete our review, we will issue you a letter stating that the approval/permit can take effect.

ATTACHMENT B: PERMITTED LAND USE STANDARDS

The proposed natural gas main will be located in three different Pinelands land management areas; a Pinelands Regional Growth Area, a Pinelands Rural Development Area and a Pinelands Military and Federal Installation Area.

A natural gas main is defined in the Pinelands Comprehensive Management Plan (CMP) as “public service infrastructure.”

Public service infrastructure is a permitted land use in a Pinelands Regional Growth Area (N.J.A.C. 7:50-5.28 (a)) and a Pinelands Rural Development Area (N.J.A.C. 7:50-5.26 (b) 10).

Public service infrastructure is a permitted land use in a Military and Federal Installation Area provided it will be associated with the function of the Federal installation (N.J.A.C. 7:50-5.29(a)) and certain conditions are met. The applicant has represented that New Jersey Natural Gas currently maintains a natural gas distribution system throughout the Lakehurst portion of Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst (JB MDL). The applicant has further represented that the proposed natural gas main will be associated with the function of JB MDL by providing energy redundancy to the Lakehurst portion of JB MDL.

The CMP (N.J.A.C. 7:50-5.29(a)1) also requires that in a Pinelands Military and Federal Installation Area, where feasible, development shall be located in that portion of the installation located within the Pinelands Protection Area. (The Pinelands Area is comprised of the Pinelands Protection Area and the Pinelands Preservation Area). The proposed natural gas main will be located in the Pinelands Preservation Area portion of JB MDL. The applicant has represented that it is not feasible to locate the proposed natural gas main in the Pinelands Protection Area portion of JB MDL because any feasible alternative would require development in the Pinelands Preservation Area District and/or a Pinelands Forest Area. The proposed natural gas main is not a permitted land use in the Pinelands Preservation Area District or a Pinelands Forest Area.

The CMP (N.J.A.C. 7:50-5.29(a)2.) also requires that the proposed natural gas main not require any development in the Pinelands Preservation Area District or in a Pinelands Forest Area. The proposed natural gas main does not require development in the Preservation Area District or a Pinelands Forest Area.

The applicant has demonstrated that proposed natural gas main is a permitted land use in a Military and Federal Installation Area.