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**VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL**

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Suspension Letter - Freshwater Wetlands General Permit #2  
File and Activity No.: 0000-15-0007.1 FWW150001  
Applicant: New Jersey Natural Gas  
Project: NJNG Southern Reliability Link (SRL)  
Block(s) and Lot(s): [204, 4] [403, 10.02] [500, 1.01] [502, 15.01] [502, 16.02] [502, 9]  
[201, 22] [500, 9.05] [53, 10] [53, 11] [23601, 1] [200, 1] [200, 2] [70, 18] [72.01, 14.03]  
[76, 83.01] [80, 4]  
Municipality: Chesterfield Twp. North Hanover Twp., Burlington County  
Plumsted Twp., Jackson Twp., Manchester Twp., Ocean County  
Upper Freehold Twp., Monmouth County

Dear Mr. Lynch:

This letter is in response to ongoing discussions between the Department and New Jersey Natural Gas (NJNG) in response to the Department's suspension of a Freshwater Wetlands General Permit #2 and notice of non-compliance with a Flood Hazard Area Permit-by-Rule #36 on July 8, 2020. The Department acknowledges that the information was also submitted to satisfy the requirements of the two Notices of Violation (NOVs) issued by the Department on June 25, 2020.

On August 6, 2020, NJNG submitted a written strategy to address the issues raised in the Department's suspension letter. On September 4, 2020, the Department provided a written response stating that additional information was required in order for the Department to adequately evaluate the written strategy. A final written strategy was submitted by NJNG on October 23, 2020 and was supplemented by a clarifying email on November 5, 2020. Based on a review of the written strategy and pursuant to N.J.A.C. 7:7A-20.8(e)1, the Department hereby accepts the written strategy and reinstates the Freshwater Wetlands General Permit #2. In addition, the Department confirms that the project is in compliance with Flood Hazard Area Permit-by-Rule #36 based on the written strategy.

Please be advised that, as previously communicated to NJNG, the Department requests that Compliance and Enforcement be present on onsite for the initial HDD event(s). Please coordinate with Andrew Edelhauser on the scheduling of the initial HDD event.

If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact Ryan Anderson by email at [Ryan.Anderson@dep.nj.gov](mailto:Ryan.Anderson@dep.nj.gov) or by phone at (609) 633-2289. Please reference the Division's file number in all communication.

Sincerely,



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