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August 17, 2017

Ms. Amy M. Blythe  
Natural Gas Pipeline Company of America  
2 North Nevada Avenue  
Colorado Springs, Colorado 80903

**Re: Request for Renewal of Annual Temporary Permission to Discharge Hydrostatic Test Water  
Natural Gas Pipeline Company of America  
Permit: HBP - 034**

Dear Ms. Blythe:

The Oil Conservation Division (OCD) has received Natural Gas Pipeline Company of America's (NGPL) request, dated August 11, 2017, received by OCD on August 17, 2017, for an annual temporary permission to discharge small quantities of hydrostatic test wastewater generated from the testing of new crude and/or natural gas pipelines throughout the State of New Mexico. Also, OCD acknowledges receipt of the filing fee (\$100.00) and temporary permission fee (\$150.00) with the August 11, 2017 request.

Based on the information provided in the request, annual temporary permission is hereby granted to NGPL for the discharge of the hydrostatic test wastewater generated from all new pipeline hydrostatic tests the operator may perform during an approved one-year period with the following understandings and conditions:

1. the volume does not exceed 25,000 gallons per hydrostatic test;
2. water from a public/municipal water supply or other OCD approved sources is used for each test;
3. email or written notification must be provided to the OCD 72 hours prior to each hydrostatic discharge event;
4. the discharge does not enter any lake, perennial stream, river or their respective tributaries that may be seasonal;
5. no discharge shall occur to a surface water body without obtaining a National Pollution Discharge Elimination Systems (NPDES) permit from the US EPA, NMED, and OCD prior to the discharge;

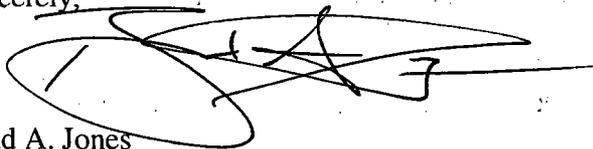
6. best management practices must be implemented to contain the discharge onsite, to ensure that the discharge does not impact adjacent property, and to control erosion;
7. the discharge does not cause any fresh water supplies to be degraded or to exceed standards as set forth in Subsections A, B, and C of the 20.6.2.3103 NMAC (the New Mexico Water Quality Control Commission Regulations);
8. NGPL shall report all unauthorized discharges, spills, leaks and releases of hydrostatic test water and conduct corrective action pursuant to WQCC Regulation 20.6.2.1203 NMAC and release notification pursuant to OCD Rule 29 (19.15.29 NMAC);
9. the landowner(s) of each proposed discharge and/or collection/retention or alternative discharge location must be properly notified of the activities prior to each proposed hydrostatic test event; and
10. an annual report, summarizing each test of new pipeline with less than 25,000 gallons per hydrostatic test event, will be submitted to OCD within 45 days after the temporary permission expiration date and shall contain the following information:
  - a. the location of hydrostatic test (Section/Township/Range or GPS coordinates);
  - b. the date of each test;
  - c. the volume of each discharge; and
  - d. the source and quality of test water (laboratory analysis, if necessary).

Annual temporary permissions shall expire one (1) year after issuance. **This temporary permission will expire August 18, 2018.** Renewal requests for annual temporary permission to discharge shall be submitted forty-five (45) days prior to the expiration date. An annual temporary permission may be revoked or suspended for violation of any applicable provisions and/or conditions of the permit.

Please be advised that approval of this request does not relieve NGPL of liability should operations result in pollution of surface water, ground water or the environment. Nor does approval relieve NGPL of its responsibility to comply with any other applicable governmental authority's rules and regulations.

If there are any questions regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me at (505) 476-3487 or [brad.a.jones@state.nm.us](mailto:brad.a.jones@state.nm.us).

Sincerely,



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Environmental Engineer

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cc: OCD District Offices