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Louisiana Natural & Scenic River System
SCENIC RIVER PERMIT #876

Issue/Effective Date: September 12, 2013

Scenic River: Little River

Recipient: Texas Gas Transmission, LLC
11115 Industriplex Blvd., Suite 800
Baton Rouge, LA 70809

Description: Replacement of a 30 Inch Natural Gas Pipeline to be Horizontally Directional Drilled for a Total Length of 1,175 Feet.

This permit is issued by authority of Part II of Chapter 8, Title 56 of the LRS of 1950 as amended and re-enacted regarding the Louisiana Natural & Scenic Rivers System and the administrative procedures pertaining to the management of these watercourses designated as Scenic Rivers.

The permit is issued by the Administrator with the understanding that the recipient in implementation of the proposal will proceed in compliance with, and not significantly deviate from the provisions contained in the petition for the permit and any special conditions attached hereto. The permit holder is expected to minimize adverse impacts to the structural and functional integrity of the natural systems and aesthetics associated with the Scenic River where the activity is occurring so as to preserve the fundamental character and purpose for which the System was established.

The Administrator assumes no responsibility for or incurs no liability for any injury to persons or property caused by any act of the permit holder or his agent in the permission granted by this permit. In addition to the Department of Wildlife & Fisheries, the petition was given a full and thorough evaluation by the Louisiana Departments of Agriculture & Forestry; Culture, Recreation & Tourism; Environmental Quality; and the Office of State Planning and Budget. If during the review process objections were made to the proposed activity, those objections were either found to be insignificant or they have been included in the conditions of the permit.

This permit shall expire if the permitted activity has not begun within 18 months of the "Issue Date" indicated above.

Compliance with these conditions is necessary for this permit to be valid:

1) This project must be carried out in a manner consistent with the design that the applicant submitted during the permit process. Should significant physical modification to the project become necessary during implementation of the project or after its completion, the permit holder will submit a letter of explanation within one week of discovery to the Administrator to determine if another petition will be required.

2) Adequate erosion control measures shall be implemented to insure that no sediments, pollutants, and/or construction related debris/materials are allowed to enter Little River, whether directly or indirectly, as a result of this construction.

3) If during project activity, any sensitive archaeological, biological or botanical element is encountered, activity will temporarily cease and the permit holder will contact the Administrator to determine the disposition of that element or artifact.

4) All other applicable permits not contingent upon this permit from governmental entities will be acquired and their conditions implemented with fidelity. Applicant has title to the property or permission from the landowner to implement the project.

5) The permittee shall allow representatives of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries to make periodic inspections to ensure the activity being performed is in accordance with the conditions of this permit.

6) Water utilized for hydrostatic testing and/or drilling operations is not to be allowed to directly discharge into Little River.

7) The applicant must use ¼" mesh screens, or smaller, on all intake pipes in order to reduce potential losses of aquatic species due to entrainment or impingement.

8) The applicant shall contact the Louisiana Department of Natural Resources (LDNR) and comply with any additional requirements they may have concerning the withdrawal and use of surface water. The contact for LDNR is Dr. Thomas Van Biersel, (225-342-1813 or Thomas.VanBiersel@la.gov).

9) Water extracted from water bodies, as well as equipment, should be inspected for presence of invasive aquatic weeds, including but not limited to giant salvinia (*Salvinia molesta*), water hyacinth (*Eichhornia* spp), and Esthwaite Waterweed (*Hydrilla verticallata*), or aquatic animals, such as apple snails (Family *Ampulariidae*), before being brought to the site and before being moved from the site to prevent the transport and spread of such species.

10) The applicant shall monitor the abandoned pipeline no less than annually to ensure that it does not become exposed in or along the bankline of Little River. Should it become exposed, the pipeline shall be cut and capped so that it is flush with the bankline. Texas Gas Transmission, LLC shall remain responsible and liable for the abandoned pipeline.

11) The applicant shall allow the bankline and maintained pipeline right-of-way (ROW) above the abandoned pipeline to re-vegetate naturally. There shall be no maintenance clearing or mowing within 100 feet of the bankline.

12) The applicant shall mark or flag the pipe stringing area prior to clearing in order to ensure that no riparian habitat within 100 feet of Little River is cleared or otherwise impacted.

If you need any additional information, you may contact Mr. Keith Cascio, Scenic Rivers Coordinator, in the Monroe Office at (318) 343-4045.

Robert J. Barham
Administrator