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Louisiana Natural & Scenic River System
SCENIC RIVER PERMIT #914

Issue/Effective Date: December 17, 2014

Scenic River: Tickfaw River

Recipient: NTS Communications
203 E. Thomas Street
Hammond, LA 70401

Description: Directional Boring of a Fiber-Optic Cable.

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) Adequate erosion/sediment control measures are to be taken during the implementation of this project to insure that no sediments or other construction/activity related debris are allowed to enter the Tickfaw River.

2) 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.

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) 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.

5) <u>There is to be no clearing of right-of-way above the directionally bored segment of the fiber optic line.</u>

If you need any additional information, you may contact Kyle Balkum at (225) 765-2819.

Robert J. Barham
Administrator