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September 16, 2016

**FLOOD HAZARD APPLICABILITY DETERMINATION
FLOOD HAZARD AREA CONTROL ACT
N.J.A.C. 7:13-1.1 et Seq.**

Mr. Keith Stern
1415 Wyckoff Road
Wall, NJ 07719

Re: 0000-15-0007.1 APD 160001
Applicant: New Jersey Natural Gas **SEP 26 2016 AM 10:22**
Block(s); Lot(s): [502] [16.02, 15.01, 9]; [403] [10.02];
[201] [22]; [53] [10]; [80] [4]; [23601] [1];
[70] [18]; [72.01] [14.03]; [200] [1];
[500] [1.01, 9.01]; [11] [83.01];
[NJDOT R.O.W.]
Chesterfield Township, North Hanover Township,
Upper Freehold Township, Plumsted Township,
Jackson Township and Manchester Township in
Burlington County, Monmouth County and Ocean County,
New Jersey

Mr. Keith Stern:

This is in response to your application for FHA applicability determination received on September 12, 2016 concerning the New Jersey Natural Gas Southern Reliability Link proposed underground gas utility line located within various Townships and Counties throughout New Jersey.

DECISION:

A review of submitted project details, reports, maps, photos and drawings prepared by AECOM, dated December 8, 2014, last revised September 15, 2016 and entitled:

"SOUTHERN RELIABILITY LINK (SRL) FRESHWATER WETLANDS & FLOOD HAZARD ANALYSIS SUBMITTAL"

"BURLINGTON COUNTY, CHESTERFIELD TOWNSHIP"
Sheets No. 2, 3, 4, 5 of 29,

"BURLINGTON COUNTY, NORTH HANOVER TOWNSHIP"
Sheets No. 6, 6A, 7 of 29,

"MONMOUTH COUNTY, UPPER FREEHOLD TOWNSHIP"
Sheets No. 8, 9, 10, 10A of 29,

"OCEAN COUNTY, PLUMSTED TOWNSHIP"
Sheets No. 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21 of 29,

"JOINT BASE MCGUIRE-DIX-LAKEHURST, OCEAN COUNTY, JACKSON TOWNSHIP" Sheets No. 22, 23, 24, 25 of 29,

"JOINT BASE MCGUIRE-DIX-LAKEHURST, OCEAN COUNTY, MANCHESTER TOWNSHIP" Sheets No. 26, 27, 28, 29 of 29.

indicates that a Flood Hazard Area Permit is not required.

REASON FOR DECISION:

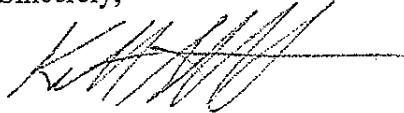
Based on the review of the submitted information, the Department has determined that the proposed project meets the standards at N.J.A.C. 7:13-7.36 "Permit by rule 36 – Placement of an underground utility line using directional drilling or jacking", N.J.A.C. 7:13-7.37 "Permit by rule 37 – Placement of an underground utility line beneath existing pavement" and/or N.J.A.C. 7:13-7.39 "Permit by rule 39 - Placement of an underground utility line that does not cross a regulated water". Therefore, a formal authorization for the proposed project is not required under the Flood Hazard Area Control Act Rules.

Pursuant to N.J.A.C.7:13-2.5(g), this applicability determination is based on the rules in effect and the information provided in the application regarding the site conditions and the proposed activities as of the date of issuance. The recipient of the applicability determination is on notice that subsequent amendments to this chapter, changes in site conditions, changes to the limits of the flood hazard area, floodway, or riparian zone, and/or changes to proposed activities may result in the water in question or proposed activities becoming regulated. The recipient remains solely responsible for determining whether any such changes have occurred and remains liable for

any violation of this chapter resulting from activities conducted in reliance on the applicability determination where such changes have occurred and the determination is no longer accurate.

Should you have any questions regarding this determination, please contact Andre Thompson of my staff at the above or by telephone at (609) 633-2289.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Keith P. Stampfel', written over a horizontal line.

Keith P. Stampfel, PE
Supervisor
Bureau of Coastal Regulation

CC: Chesterfield Township, North Hanover Township, Upper Freehold Township,
Plumsted Township, Jackson Township and Manchester Township Construction Official

Chesterfield Township, North Hanover Township, Upper Freehold Township,
Plumsted Township, Jackson Township and Manchester Township Engineer