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RE: Gorham Paper And Tissue, LLC: Docket: DG 11-138

Dear Commissioners:

We are in receipt of the Staff Recommendations and Conclusions in the above captioned docket. In order to assist in your consideration of those recommendations and conclusions Gorham Paper and Tissue, LLC herein provides supplemental information and responses regarding each of the Staff Recommendations and Conclusions. Each of the Staff Recommendations and Conclusions is listed below in italicized font with GPT's response immediately thereunder in regular face font.

- a. *Staff recommends that the approval be limited to the GPT natural gas pipeline under the consideration in this docket. A potential future landfill gas line that was originally petitioned for by the Androscoggin Valley Region Refuse Disposal District in DG 10-244 is projected to be resubmitted for the same bridge crossing once final design details will be known.*

On July 14, 2011 GPT submitted to the New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission a second petition addressing the landfill gas pipeline crossing of the Androscoggin River. The landfill gas pipeline is anticipated to be installed simultaneous with the natural gas pipeline at the Androscoggin River crossing and both will be owned by GPT.

- b. *Staff recommends that, ten days prior to construction commencing for the bridge portion of the overall project, a detailed set of plans and profile be submitted to the Safety Division for its review.*

GPT agrees to submit a detailed set of plans and profile for Safety Division review at least ten days prior to commencement of construction of the natural gas pipeline bridge crossing.

- c. *Staff recommends that the grade and type of steel of the natural gas pipeline be submitted to the Commission. The type of cathodic protective coating shall be submitted including the mil thickness of the coating. Staff recommends that a ultraviolet resistant coating be selected and technical data sheets be supplied to the Commission that verify the adequacy of protection, including for those coating applied to welded joints.*



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The steel pipe utilized in the natural gas pipeline shall be six inch Schedule 40 A333 Grade 6. GPT shall provide final coating details for review by the Safety Division as soon as they are available.

- d. *Shut-off valves must be installed both upstream and downstream of the bridge crossing to provide adequate shutoff capability. The upstream valve may be located at the outlet side of the M&R Station which is in vicinity of the bridge crossing.*

There will be an automatic shutoff valve in the M&R Station and a manual shutoff valve located at the Mill to isolate the line.

- e. *Staff recommends that the bridge be visually inspected and leak surveyed at a minimum 3 times per year in accordance with PUC 508.04(f) and accessible records kept on file subject to any inspection of the Safety Division.*

GPT agrees, as noted in its petition, that the bridge will be visually inspected and leak surveyed at least three times per year. GPT agrees that its inspections and recordkeeping will accord with PUC rules.

- f. *Pursuant to PUC 506.01 GPT shall be subject to the Safety Division's monitoring with inspection of the construction, installation, operation and maintenance of the natural gas pipeline on the bridge crossing.*

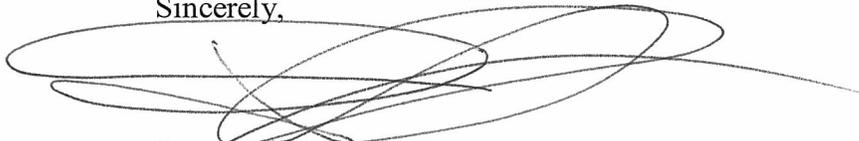
GPT shall comply with all applicable PUC rules.

- g. *GPT shall operate and maintain the crossing in conformance with the latest version of the PUC 500 rules and latest CFR Part 192 amendment. All future alterations to the crossing that may impact the public shall conform to the PUC 500 rules as well as CFR Part 192 latest amendment that are in place at time of submittal of the alteration.*

GPT shall comply with all applicable PUC and federal rules.

Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions. Thank you for your assistance with this matter.

Sincerely,



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