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**RE: Delaware Coastal Management Program — Federal Consistency Certification
Concurrence for ESNG Elkton Rd North (FC 2025.0025)**

Dear Mr. Gaskins,

The Delaware Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control (DNREC) Coastal Management Program (DCMP) has completed its review of the above referenced project. This letter is in response to the federal consistency certification, dated and received on March 13, 2025, submitted by you on behalf of Eastern Shore Natural Gas (ESNG).

PROPOSED ACTION

ESNG is proposing to utilize a Federal Energy Regulatory Commission authorization for the Elkton Road North Modification and Upgrade project. Modifications to the north end of the 6” North Elkton Lateral includes the removal and replacement of fencing, and the installation of new in-line inspection valve equipment. All work will take place within ESNG easements. Construction activities will be performed in accordance with approved grading, sediment, and erosion control plans to protect adjacent and nearby waterbodies from sediment.

FEDERAL CONSISTENCY UNDER THE COASTAL ZONE MANAGEMENT ACT

Pursuant to the Coastal Zone Management Act (CZMA) of 1972 administered by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), as amended, any applicant for a required federal license or permit to conduct an activity, in or outside of the coastal zone, that can have reasonably foreseeable effects on any land or water use or natural resource of the coastal zone of that state, shall provide a certification that the proposed activity complies with the enforceable policies of the state’s NOAA-approved program and that such activity will be conducted in a

manner consistent with the program. Under the CZMA implementing regulations, *Federal Consistency with Approved Coastal Management Programs* (15 CFR 930), subpart D, state agencies are directed to develop a list of federal license or permit activities to be included as part of the management program, with the federal license or permit activities described in terms of the specific licenses or permits involved. Any applicant for a federal license or permit selected for review by a state agency should obtain the views and assistance of the state agency regarding the means for ensuring that the proposed activity will be conducted in a manner consistent with the management program.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

In accordance with 15 CFR 930.61, the public was invited to participate in the review of ESNG Elkton Rd North. Public notice of this proposed action was published in the Daily State News and The News Journal on March 26, 2025. An English and Spanish version of the notice were published in the DNREC public notices list service on March 26, 2025. The public was given 30 days to comment on this notice. No public comments were received.

FEDERAL CONSISTENCY ANALYSIS

The DCMP coordinates the review of consistency certifications with agencies administering the enforceable and advisory policies of the program. The following agencies participated in this review:

DNREC, Division of Fish and Wildlife
DNREC, Division of Air Quality
DOS, State Historic Preservation Office

The proposed activity is to be implemented in a manner consistent with the enforceable policies of the DCMP under 7 DE Admin. Code 2201, Section 5.0.

Please be advised that the Division of Air Quality (DAQ) recommends that retrofitted on-road and non-road diesel engines be used to reduce emissions associated with the project construction. This includes equipment that is used on-site, as well as equipment that is used to transport materials to and from the site. DAQ also recommends the use of dust suppressants and measures to prevent the transport of dust off-site from material stockpile, material movement, and use of unpaved roads.

Please note that the following Delaware air quality regulations may apply: Particulate Emissions from Construction and Materials Handling (7 DE Admin. Code 1106) and Excessive Idling of Heavy-Duty Vehicles (7 DE Admin. Code 1145).

CONCURRENCE

Based on its review and pursuant to 15 CFR 930, the DCMP concurs that ESNG Elkton Rd North as proposed above is consistent with the policies of the DCMP.

Pursuant to 15 CFR 930.66, ESNG shall notify the DCMP of any proposed modifications to activities after receiving a decision from the DCMP. Modifications will be subject to supplemental federal consistency review if effects to any coastal use or resource will be substantially different than originally described. Please be advised that this federal consistency review does not negate the need for other authorizations that may be required.

Thank you for the opportunity to review and respond to the ESNG Elkton Rd North federal consistency certification. If you have any questions, please contact me or Mike Snyder of my staff at (302) 739-9283.

Sincerely,



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Jesse Hayden, Administrator
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