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RE: Delaware Coastal Management Program — Federal Consistency Certification Concurrence for ESNG Kent County Internal Line Inspection Preparation (FC 2026.0023)

Dear Josh Riding,

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 April 29, 2026, submitted by you on behalf of Eastern Shore Natural Gas (ESNG).

PROPOSED ACTION

ESNG proposes to utilize a Federal Energy Regulatory Commission authorization for work at four sites in the Dover and Felton areas of Kent County, Delaware. Proposed activities include the construction of an above ground valve nest at site west of Moorton Road in Dover and east of South Dupont Highway in Felton, the removal of a below-ground valve and decommissioning of a section of unused pipe at a site northeast of Mckee Road in Dover, and the replacement of an inoperable below-ground valve at a site west of Lakefront Drive in Dover.

FEDERAL CONSISTENCY UNDER THE COASTAL ZONE MANAGEMENT ACT

Pursuant to the Coastal Zone Management Act (CZMA) of 1972, 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 approved program and that such activity will be conducted in a manner consistent with the program. The

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) is required to review and approve a proposed state management program for it to become effective. 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 the ESNG Kent County Internal Line Inspection Preparation. Public notice of this proposed action was published in the Daily State News and The News Journal webpage on July 17, 2026. The notice was also posted on DNREC public notices webpage in English, Spanish, and Haitian Creole. The public was given 30 days to comment on this notice. No public comments were received in response.

FEDERAL CONSISTENCY ANALYSIS

As a networked program, the DCMP coordinates consistency certification reviews with agencies administering enforceable mechanisms supporting the policies of the program pursuant to Section 5.0 of the DCMP Federal Consistency Policy and Procedures document. The following agencies participated in this review:

DNREC, Division of Air Quality
DNREC, Division of Fish and Wildlife
DNREC, Division of Watershed Stewardship

Please be advised that DNREC Division of Air Quality (DAQ) recommends that all diesel-powered equipment should use ultra-low sulfur diesel fuel when operating. The use of properly maintained equipment and idling minimization practices is also recommended to further reduce localized air quality impacts.

The following Delaware air quality regulations may apply: Air Quality Permits (7 DE Admin Code 1102), Particulate Emissions from Construction and Materials Handling (7 DE Admin. Code 1106), Control of Stationary Generator Emissions (7 DE Admin Code 1144), Excessive Idling of Heavy-Duty Vehicles (7 DE Admin. Code 1145), and Regulations Governing the Control of Noise (7 DE Admin. Code 1149).

Please also be advised that Sediment and Stormwater Plan approval from the Kent Conservation District is required prior to beginning any activities with land disturbance that exceeds 5,000 square feet.

CONCURRENCE

Based on its review and pursuant to15 CFR 930, the DCMP concurs that the ESNG Kent County Internal Line Inspection Preparation project 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 Kent County Internal Line Inspection Preparation federal consistency certification. If you have any questions, please contact me or Mike Snyder at (302) 739-9283.

Sincerely,

Jesse Hayden (Oct 21, 2026 16:13:16 EDT)

Jesse Hayden, Administrator
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