

shippers, as RCPE has indicated that its “acquisition will not change the current service or service options for any shipper on the Line.” (Pet. 6.)

Waiver of 49 CFR 1121.4(h). As noted, RCPE has petitioned for waiver of the 60-day notification requirement under 49 CFR 1121.4(h). The purpose of that requirement is to ensure that rail labor unions and employees who would be affected by the transfer of a line are given sufficient notice of the transaction before consummation. The Board takes seriously the requirements of the regulation, but it does not appear that the purpose behind the notice requirement would be thwarted if the requested waiver is granted in this case.

The record indicates that no railroad employees would be adversely affected by waiver of the requirement here. As RCPE explains, no railroad employees will be affected by RCPE’s purchase of the Line and there will be no operational changes on the Line as a result of the transaction. (Pet. 8.) To the contrary, the record includes a letter of support from the union representing RCPE’s employees.⁶ (*Id.*) Because no employees would be adversely affected by the requested waiver of the 60-day notice period, the Board will grant the waiver. *See, e.g., Wis. & S. R.R.—Acquis. & Operation Exemption—City of Fitchburg, Wis.*, FD 35838, slip op. at 4 (STB served Nov. 18, 2014).

Employee Protection. Under 49 U.S.C. 10502(g), the Board may not use its exemption authority to relieve a carrier of its statutory obligation to protect the interests of its employees. Section 10902(d) provides for labor protection in line acquisitions by Class II rail carriers. As a condition to this exemption, any employees affected by the acquisition will be protected as required by 49 U.S.C. 10902(d), subject to the standards and procedures established in *Wisconsin Central Ltd.—Acquisition Exemption—Lines of Union Pacific Railroad*, 2 S.T.B. 218 (1997), *aff’d in relevant part sub nom. Ass’n of American Railroads v. STB*, 162 F.3d 101 (D.C. Cir. 1998).

Environmental and Historic Review. Under 49 CFR 1105.6(c)(1), this action, which will not result in significant changes in carrier operations, is

categorically excluded from environmental review. Similarly, under 49 CFR 1105.8(b)(1), no historic report is required because the subject transaction is for continued rail service. RCPE has indicated no plans to alter railroad properties 50 years old or older, and any abandonment would be subject to Board jurisdiction.

Effective Date. The exemption will take effect on September 5, 2026, unless it is stayed.

It is ordered:

1. Under 49 U.S.C. 10502, the Board exempts from the prior approval requirements of 49 U.S.C. 10902 RCPE’s acquisition of and operation over the Line, subject to the employee protective conditions implementing 49 U.S.C. 10902(d) as provided in this decision.

2. Notice of this exemption will be published in the **Federal Register**.

3. RCPE’s request for a waiver of the advance notice requirement under 49 CFR 1121.4(h) is granted.

4. This exemption will become effective on September 5, 2026.

5. Petitions to stay must be filed by August 17, 2026. Petitions to reopen must be filed by August 26, 2026.

Decided: August 6, 2026.

By the Board, Board Members Fuchs, Hedlund, Kloster, and Schultz.

Jeffrey Herzig,

Clearance Clerk.

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SUSQUEHANNA RIVER BASIN COMMISSION

Projects Approved for Consumptive Uses of Water

AGENCY: Susquehanna River Basin Commission.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice lists Approvals by Rule for projects by the Susquehanna River Basin Commission during the period set forth in **DATES**.

DATES: July 1–31, 2026.

ADDRESSES: Susquehanna River Basin Commission, 4423 North Front Street, Harrisburg, PA 17110–1788.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This notice lists the projects, described below, receiving approval for the consumptive use of water pursuant to

the Commission’s approval by rule process set forth in 18 CFR 806.22 (f) for the time period specified above.

Approvals by Rule—Issued Under 18 CFR 806.22(f)

1. Beech Resources, LLC; Pad ID: Foxtrot East Well Site; ABR–202606004; Anthony Township, Lycoming County, Pa.; Consumptive Use of Up to 4.0000 mgd; Approval Date: July 16, 2026.

2. RENEWAL—Seneca Resources Company, LLC; Pad ID: D17–PPHC–B; ABR–201103023.R3; Lawrence Township, Clearfield County, Pa.; Consumptive Use of Up to 4.0000 mgd; Approval Date: July 16, 2026.

3. RENEWAL—BKV Operating, LLC; Pad ID: Johnston 1 Pad; ABR–201106009.R3; Meshoppen Township, Wyoming County, Pa.; Consumptive Use of Up to 5.0000 mgd; Approval Date: July 21, 2026.

4. RENEWAL—Expand Operating LLC; Pad ID: Belawske; ABR–201107002.R3; Burlington Borough, Bradford County, Pa.; Consumptive Use of Up to 7.5000 mgd; Approval Date: July 21, 2026.

5. RENEWAL—Expand Operating LLC; Pad ID: Mitchell Well Pad; ABR–201105026.R3; Franklin Township, Susquehanna County, Pa.; Consumptive Use of Up to 7.5000 mgd; Approval Date: July 21, 2026.

6. RENEWAL—Range Resources—Appalachia, LLC; Pad ID: Null, Eugene Unit #2H–#7H Drilling Pad; ABR–201104011.R3; Lewis Township, Lycoming County, Pa.; Consumptive Use of Up to 4.0000 mgd; Approval Date: July 21, 2026.

7. RENEWAL—Range Resources—Appalachia, LLC; Pad ID: Shipman, James Unit #1H & #2H Drilling Pad; ABR–201104014.R3; Lewis Township, Lycoming County, Pa.; Consumptive Use of Up to 4.0000 mgd; Approval Date: July 21, 2026.

8. RENEWAL—Seneca Resources Company, LLC; Pad ID: Drake 274; ABR–201106003.R3; Lawrence Township, Tioga County, Pa.; Consumptive Use of Up to 4.0000 mgd; Approval Date: July 22, 2026.

9. RENEWAL—Seneca Resources Company, LLC; Pad ID: Gamble Pad R; ABR–201606001.R2; Eldred Township, Lycoming County, Pa.; Consumptive Use of Up to 4.0000 mgd; Approval Date: July 22, 2026.

10. RENEWAL—BKV Operating, LLC; Pad ID: Giangrieco Pad; ABR–201107011.R3; Forest Lake Township, Susquehanna County, Pa.; Consumptive Use of Up to 5.0000 mgd; Approval Date: July 27, 2026.

11. RENEWAL—Clean Energy Exploration & Production, LLC; Pad ID:

⁶In its filing, the International Association of Sheet Metal, Air, Rail and Transportation Workers, Transportation Division (SMART–TD) states that “converting [RCPE]’s leasehold interest into a full ownership will result in no operational changes or job reductions.” (SMART–TD Filing Pet. 1), and that “[b]ecause no SMART–TD represented employees will be adversely affected, displaced, or subjected to changes in employment terms as a result of this purchase, SMART–TD does not object to [RCPE]’s request for a waiver of the 60-day labor notice requirement[.]” (*Id.*)

Whispering Pines Pad 1; ABR–201606004.R2; Delmar Township, Tioga County, Pa.; Consumptive Use of Up to 4.0000 mgd; Approval Date: July 27, 2026.

12. RENEWAL—EQT ARO LLC; Pad ID: Salt Run Pad A Ext; ABR–202107001.R1; Cascade Township, Lycoming County, Pa.; Consumptive Use of Up to 4.0000 mgd; Approval Date: July 27, 2026.

13. RENEWAL—Expand Operating LLC; Pad ID: Lambs Farm; ABR–201106023.R3; Smithfield Township, Bradford County, Pa.; Consumptive Use of Up to 7.5000 mgd; Approval Date: July 27, 2026.

14. RENEWAL—LPR Energy, LLC; Pad ID: Snow Shoe 2; ABR–201011007.R3; Snow Shoe Township, Centre County, Pa.; Consumptive Use of Up to 4.0000 mgd; Approval Date: July 27, 2026.

15. RENEWAL—LPR Energy, LLC; Pad ID: Snow Shoe 4; ABR–201011042.R3; Snow Shoe Township, Centre County, Pa.; Consumptive Use of Up to 4.0000 mgd; Approval Date: July 27, 2026.

16. RENEWAL—Range Resources—Appalachia, LLC; Pad ID: Mohawk South Unit Well Pad; ABR–201606002.R2; Gallagher Township, Clinton County, Pa.; Consumptive Use of Up to 4.0000 mgd; Approval Date: July 27, 2026.

17. RENEWAL—Range Resources—Appalachia, LLC; Pad ID: Shipman-Goodwill Unit #1H–#4H Drilling Pad; ABR–201104016.R3; Lewis Township, Lycoming County, Pa.; Consumptive Use of Up to 4.0000 mgd; Approval Date: July 27, 2026.

18. RENEWAL—Repsol Oil & Gas USA, LLC; Pad ID: ALDERSON (05 011) V; ABR–201104008.R3; Pike Township, Bradford County, Pa.; Consumptive Use of Up to 6.0000 mgd; Approval Date: July 27, 2026.

19. RENEWAL—Repsol Oil & Gas USA, LLC; Pad ID: DORN (02 180) A; ABR–201604003.R2; Hamilton Township, Tioga County, Pa.; Consumptive Use of Up to 6.0000 mgd; Approval Date: July 27, 2026.

20. RENEWAL—Seneca Resources Company, LLC; Pad ID: Yourgalite 1119; ABR–201012056.R3; Farmington Township, Tioga County, Pa.; Consumptive Use of Up to 4.0000 mgd; Approval Date: July 27, 2026.

21. RENEWAL—Expand Operating LLC; Pad ID: ACW; ABR–201107004.R3; Leroy Township, Bradford County, Pa.; Consumptive Use of Up to 7.5000 mgd; Approval Date: July 31, 2026.

22. RENEWAL—Expand Operating LLC; Pad ID: Burns; ABR–201107038.R3; Ulster Township,

Bradford County, Pa.; Consumptive Use of Up to 7.5000 mgd; Approval Date: July 31, 2026.

23. RENEWAL—Expand Operating LLC; Pad ID: Fisher; ABR–201107047.R3; Wysox Township, Bradford County, Pa.; Consumptive Use of Up to 7.5000 mgd; Approval Date: July 31, 2026.

24. RENEWAL—Expand Operating LLC; Pad ID: IH; ABR–201106014.R3; Stevens Township, Bradford County, Pa.; Consumptive Use of Up to 7.5000 mgd; Approval Date: July 31, 2026.

25. RENEWAL—Expand Operating LLC; Pad ID: J & J; ABR–201106015.R3; Smithfield Township, Bradford County, Pa.; Consumptive Use of Up to 7.5000 mgd; Approval Date: July 31, 2026.

26. RENEWAL—Expand Operating LLC; Pad ID: Knickerbocker; ABR–201106013.R3; Franklin Township, Bradford County, Pa.; Consumptive Use of Up to 7.5000 mgd; Approval Date: July 31, 2026.

27. RENEWAL—Expand Operating LLC; Pad ID: Layton; ABR–201107036.R3; Litchfield Township, Bradford County, Pa.; Consumptive Use of Up to 7.5000 mgd; Approval Date: July 31, 2026.

28. RENEWAL—Expand Operating LLC; Pad ID: Mel; ABR–201106012.R3; Franklin Township, Bradford County, Pa.; Consumptive Use of Up to 7.5000 mgd; Approval Date: July 31, 2026.

29. RENEWAL—Expand Operating LLC; Pad ID: Neal; ABR–201106010.R3; Leroy Township, Bradford County, Pa.; Consumptive Use of Up to 7.5000 mgd; Approval Date: July 31, 2026.

30. RENEWAL—Expand Operating LLC; Pad ID: Nichols; ABR–201106024.R3; Smithfield Township, Bradford County, Pa.; Consumptive Use of Up to 7.5000 mgd; Approval Date: July 31, 2026.

31. RENEWAL—Expand Operating LLC; Pad ID: Oilcan; ABR–201107037.R3; Overton Township, Bradford County, Pa.; Consumptive Use of Up to 7.5000 mgd; Approval Date: July 31, 2026.

32. RENEWAL—Expand Operating LLC; Pad ID: Paul; ABR–201107048.R3; Ulster Township, Bradford County, Pa.; Consumptive Use of Up to 7.5000 mgd; Approval Date: July 31, 2026.

33. RENEWAL—Expand Operating LLC; Pad ID: Ramblinrose; ABR–201105003.R3; Tuscarora Township, Bradford County, Pa.; Consumptive Use of Up to 7.5000 mgd; Approval Date: July 31, 2026.

34. RENEWAL—Expand Operating LLC; Pad ID: Sadecki Well Pad; ABR–201105020.R3; Liberty Township, Susquehanna County, Pa.; Consumptive

Use of Up to 7.5000 mgd; Approval Date: July 31, 2026.

35. RENEWAL—Expand Operating LLC; Pad ID: SJW; ABR–201107003.R3; Wilmot Township, Bradford County, Pa.; Consumptive Use of Up to 7.5000 mgd; Approval Date: July 31, 2026.

Authority: Public Law 91–575, 84 Stat. 1509 *et seq.*, 18 CFR parts 806 and 808.

Dated: August 7, 2026.

Jason E. Oyler,

General Counsel and Secretary to the Commission.

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SUSQUEHANNA RIVER BASIN COMMISSION

General Permit Notice

AGENCY: Susquehanna River Basin Commission.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice lists General Permits approved by the Susquehanna River Basin Commission during the period set forth in **DATES**.

DATES: July 1–31, 2026.

ADDRESSES: Susquehanna River Basin Commission, 4423 North Front Street, Harrisburg, PA 17110–1788.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This notice lists General Permits for projects, described below, pursuant to 18 CFR 806.17(c)(4), for the time period specified above.

1. Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection—Bureau of Abandoned Mine Reclamation; Locust Gap Refuse Bank Fire, General Permit Approval of Coverage No. GP–02–202607023, Mount Carmel Township and Butler Township, Northumberland and Schuylkill County, Pa.; Extinguish a Mine Fire; approved withdrawals and consumptive use up to 0.720 mgd (30-day average) from Admiral Breaker Water Well, Girardville Breaker Water Well, and Commissioner's Lake Mine Pit; Approval Date: July 21, 2026.

Authority: Public Law 91–575, 84 Stat. 1509 *et seq.*, 18 CFR parts 806 and 808.