

Under the Aquatic Resource Alteration General Permit for Utility Line Crossings

Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation Division of Water Resources William R. Snodgrass Tennessee Tower 312 Rosa L. Parks Avenue, 11th Floor Nashville TN 37243

ARAP - NR2103.111

Under authority of the Tennessee Water Quality Control Act of 1977 (TWQCA, T.C.A. 69-3-101 et seq.) the Division of Water Resources has determined the activity described below would not violate applicable water quality standards.

This activity is governed by the *General Permit* for *Utility Line Crossings* issued pursuant to the TWQCA. The work must be accomplished in conformance with accepted plans, specifications, data and other information submitted in support of application NR2103.111 and the terms and conditions set forth in the above referenced general permit.

| PERMITTEE: | Tellico Area Services System |
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| AUTHORIZED WORK: | construction of 14,270 linear feet of water line |
| LOCATION: | Howards Chapel, Gentry Lane, Old Citico Road and Tipton Lane, Monroe County |
| | Latitude: 35.540429 Longitude: -84.180174 |
| WATERBODY NAME: | Tributaries of Little Tennessee River and Little Tennessee River (Tellico Reservoir) |
| EFFECTIVE DATE: 28-MAY-21 | EXPIRATION DATE: 7-APR-25 |

This does not preclude requirements of other federal, state or local laws. In particular, work shall not commence until the applicant has received the federal §404 permit from the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers, a §26a permit from the Tennessee Valley Authority or authorization under a Tennessee NPDES Storm Water Construction Permit where necessary. This permit may also serve as a federal §401 water quality certification (pursuant to 33 U.S.C. §1341) since the planned activity was reviewed and the division has reasonable assurance that the activity will be conducted in a manner that will not violate applicable water quality standards (T.C.A. § 69-3-101 et seq. or of § § 301, 302, 303, 306 or 307 of *The Clean Water Act*).

The state of Tennessee may modify, suspend or revoke this authorization should the state determine that the activity results in more than an insignificant degradation of applicable water quality standards or violation of the TWQCA. Failure to comply with permit terms may result in penalties in accordance with T.C.A. §69-3-115.



STATE OF TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND CONSERVATION DIVISION OF WATER RESOURCES KNOXVILLE Environmental Field Office 3711 MIDDLEBROOK PIKE KNOXVILLE, Tn 37921

May 28, 2021

Mr. Mark Clinton Superintendent Tellico Area Services System e-copy: clinton@tassonline.org 505 Clearview Rd. Vonore, TN 37885

Subject: General Permit for Utility Line Crossings Aquatic Resource Alteration Permit (ARAP) NR2103.111 Tellico Area Services System Tellico Area Services System Vonore, Monroe County, Tennessee

Dear Mr. Clinton:

We have reviewed your application for the proposed construction of 14,270 linear feet of water line . Pursuant to the *Tennessee Water Quality Control Act of 1977* (T.C.A. § 69-3-101 et seq.) and supporting regulations the Division of Water Resources is required to determine whether the activity described in the attached notice of coverage will violate applicable water quality standards. This permit may also serve as a federal §401 water quality certification (pursuant to 33 U.S.C. §1341).

This activity is governed by the *General Permit for Utility Line Crossings*. The work must be accomplished in conformance with accepted plans and information submitted in support of application NR2103.111 and the limitations and conditions set forth in the *General Permit for Utility Line Crossings* (enclosed). It is the responsibility of the permittee to ensure that all contractors involved with this project have read and understand the permit conditions before the project begins.

Please note that no blasting will be permitted in the excavation of trenches that parallel or lie within 50 feet of a stream or wetland, including all stream crossings. Excavation and fill activities must be separated from flowing waters and all contours must be returned to pre-project conditions. All disturbed areas must be revegetated or otherwise stabilized upon completion of construction.

Annual Maintenance and Coverage Termination

Permittees will be assessed an annual maintenance fee of \$350 for coverages that exceed one year. Please note that this maintenance fee does not grant the right to extend coverage past the expiration date of the General Permit.

Permittees may terminate coverage prior to the expiration date by submitting a completed notice of termination form (NOT), which is available on the division's webpage at

<u>http://tdec.tn.gov/etdec/DownloadFile.aspx?row_id=CN-1450</u>. A complete NOT should include photodocumentation of the finished project area. The division will notify the permittee that either the NOT was received and accepted, or that the permit coverage is not eligible for termination (due to existing deficiencies) and has not been terminated.

We appreciate your attention to the terms and conditions of this general permit for aquatic resource alteration. If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Allen Wilkinson at (865) 594-5588 or by e-mail at *Allen.Wilkinson@tn.gov*.

Sincerely,

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Michael Atchley Environmental Program Manager Knoxville Field Office

Encl: NOC and copy of general permit

CC: Knoxville EFO Permit File