

# Susquehanna River Basin Commission

*a water management agency serving the Susquehanna River Watershed*



March 24, 2011

## Report on March 10, 2011, Commission Meeting and Public Hearing

Location: Juniata College, 1700 Moore Street, Huntingdon, Pennsylvania

Agenda Items: In addition to the public hearing and its related action items identified below, the following items were also presented or acted on at the business meeting: 1) presentation on the Morrison Cove Water Resources Study; 2) hydrologic conditions in the basin; 3) administrative approval of flowback reuse involving diversions policy; 4) approval/ratification of contracts; 5) a demonstration of the Commission's web-based Water Resources Portal; 6) an explanation of the contents and conditions of a typical Commission docket approval; 7) an administrative fee authorization for group transfers of approvals; 8) adoption of a Migratory Fish Management and Restoration Plan for the Susquehanna River Basin; 9) authorization to initiate the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) phase of the Cowanesque and Curwensville Lakes Low Flow Operations Change; and 10) revision of the FY-2012 budget along with expansion of the Compliance Reserve Fund and creation of a Capital Reserve Fund. The Commission heard counsel's report on legal matters affecting the Commission.

The Commission also convened a public hearing and took the following actions:

### Public Hearing – Rescissions of Project Approval

1. Project Sponsor and Facility: Chief Oil & Gas LLC (Sugar Creek) (Docket No. 20090314), West Burlington Township, Bradford County, Pa.
2. Project Sponsor and Facility: Range Resources – Appalachia, LLC (Lycoming Creek-1) (Docket No. 20080933), Hepburn Township, Lycoming County, Pa.
3. Project Sponsor and Facility: Range Resources – Appalachia, LLC (West Branch Susquehanna River) (Docket No. 20080940), Colebrook Township, Clinton County, Pa.
4. Project Sponsor and Facility: Southwestern Energy Company (Cold Creek) (Docket No. 20090909), Herrick Township, Bradford County, Pa.
5. Project Sponsor and Facility: Southwestern Energy Company (Mill Creek) (Docket No. 20090910), Stevens Township, Bradford County, Pa.
6. Project Sponsor and Facility: Southwestern Energy Company (Ross Creek) (Docket No. 20090911), Stevens Township, Bradford County, Pa.
7. Project Sponsor and Facility: Southwestern Energy Company (Tunkhannock Creek) (Docket No. 20090913), Gibson Township, Susquehanna County, Pa.
8. Project Sponsor and Facility: Southwestern Energy Company (Wyalusing Creek) (Docket No. 20090915), Wyalusing Township, Bradford County, Pa.
9. Project Sponsor and Facility: Southwestern Energy Company (Lycoming Creek) (Docket No. 20091208), Lewis Township, Lycoming County, Pa.
10. Project Sponsor and Facility: SVC Manufacturing, Inc. (Docket No. 19920907), Fairview Township, Luzerne County, Pa.

## Public Hearing – Projects Approved

1. Project Sponsor and Facility: Anadarko E&P Company LP (West Branch Susquehanna River), Colebrook Township, Clinton County, Pa. Surface water withdrawal of up to 1.500 mgd.
2. Project Sponsor and Facility: Anadarko E&P Company LP (West Branch Susquehanna River-3), Nippenose Township, Lycoming County, Pa. Modification to increase maximum instantaneous pumping rate within approved daily rate.
3. Project Sponsor and Facility: Cedar Rock Materials Corp., Salem Township, Luzerne County, Pa. Groundwater withdrawal of up to 0.720 mgd and consumptive water use of up to 0.700 mgd from Well PW-1.
4. Project Sponsor and Facility: Chesapeake Appalachia, LLC (Susquehanna River), Braintrim Township, Wyoming County, Pa. Surface water withdrawal of up to 3.000 mgd.
5. Project Sponsor and Facility: Chief Oil & Gas LLC (Martins Creek), Hop Bottom Borough, Susquehanna County, Pa. Surface water withdrawal of up to 0.360 mgd.
6. Project Sponsor: Dean Dairy Holdings, LLC. Project Facility: Swiss Premium Dairy, Inc., North Cornwall Township, Lebanon County, Pa. Modification to increase consumptive water use of up to 0.200 mgd.
7. Project Sponsor and Facility: East Donegal Township Municipal Authority, East Donegal Township, Lancaster County, Pa. Groundwater withdrawal of up to 0.260 mgd from Well 1.
8. Project Sponsor: Hazleton Creek Properties, LLC. Project Facility: Hazleton Mine Reclamation, Hazleton City, Luzerne County, Pa. Groundwater withdrawal of up to 0.055 mgd from Well MP-1 and consumptive water use of up to 0.055 mgd.
9. Project Sponsor and Facility: J-W Operating Company (Plum Grove Cameron 5 Strip Mine Pond), Shippen Township, Cameron County, Pa. Surface water withdrawal of up to 0.090 mgd.
10. Project Sponsor and Facility: Novus Operating, LLC (Tioga River), Covington Township, Tioga County, Pa. Surface water withdrawal of up to 1.750 mgd.
11. Project Sponsor and Facility: Peoples Financial Services Corp. (Tunkhannock Creek), Tunkhannock Township, Wyoming County, Pa. Surface water withdrawal of up to 0.999 mgd.
12. Project Sponsor and Facility: Range Resources – Appalachia, LLC (West Branch Susquehanna River), Piatt Township, Lycoming County, Pa. Surface water withdrawal of up to 3.000 mgd.
13. Project Sponsor and Facility: Southwestern Energy Company (Martins Creek), Brooklyn and Harford Townships, Susquehanna County, Pa. Surface water withdrawal of up to 0.997 mgd.
14. Project Sponsor and Facility: Southwestern Energy Company (Tuscarora Creek), Tuscarora Township, Bradford County, Pa. Surface water withdrawal of up to 0.500 mgd.
15. Project Sponsor: Texas Eastern Transmission LP (Susquehanna River), East Donegal Township, Lancaster County, Pa. Surface water withdrawal of up to 2.304 mgd.
16. Project Sponsor and Facility: Victory Energy Corporation (Pine Creek), Pike Township, Potter County, Pa. Surface water withdrawal of up to 0.460 mgd.

### Public Hearing – Projects Approved Involving A Diversion

1. Project Sponsor: Pennsylvania General Energy Company, L.L.C. Project Facility: Scaffold Lick Pond – 1, Liberty Township, McKean County, Pa. Into-basin diversion of up to 0.500 mgd from the Ohio River Basin.
2. Project Sponsor: Pennsylvania General Energy Company, L.L.C. Project Facility: Scaffold Lick Pond – 2, Liberty Township, McKean County, Pa. Into-basin diversion of up to 0.500 mgd from the Ohio River Basin.
3. Project Sponsor: Ultra Resources, Inc. Project Facility: Wayne Gravel Products Quarry, Ceres Township, McKean County, Pa. Into-basin diversion of up to 1.170 mgd from the Ohio River Basin.

### Public Hearing – Project Tabled

1. Project Sponsor and Facility: Ephrata Area Joint Authority, Ephrata Borough, Lancaster County, Pa. Application for groundwater withdrawal of up to 1.210 mgd from Well 1.

### Public Hearing – Review of Project Application Terminated

1. Project Sponsor and Facility: Airy View Heights, Inc., Centre Township, Perry County, Pa. Application for groundwater withdrawal of up to 0.465 mgd from Well PW-5.

### Public Hearing – Project Withdrawn

1. Project Sponsor and Facility: ALTA Operating Company, LLC (DuBois Creek), Great Bend Township, Susquehanna County, Pa. Application for surface water withdrawal of up to 0.249 mgd.

### Public Hearing – Request of Marvin Fetterman to Reopen Docket No. 20091201

The Commission declined a request of Mr. Marvin Fetterman for it to reopen Docket No. 20091201 issued to Chesapeake Appalachia, LLC.

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