



SUSQUEHANNA RIVER  
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August 7, 2020

Mr. Douglas A. Kepler  
Vice President, Environmental Engineering  
Seneca Resources Company, LLC  
51 Zents Boulevard  
Brookville, PA 15825

Re: Notice of Transfer of Approval;  
from SWEPI LP to Seneca Resources Company, LLC;  
5 Commission Docket Approvals (see Table 1)

Dear Mr. Kepler:

The Susquehanna River Basin Commission (Commission) received a Request for Transfer of Approval (Commission Form #86) on July 28, 2020, for five Docket approvals (see Table 1). This request indicated the change in ownership was effective July 31, 2020, from SWEPI LP to Seneca Resources Company, LLC (Seneca). Upon review of the projects and the submitted request for transfer, it was determined that the request is in compliance with the regulations and consistent with 18 CFR § 806.6(a). Therefore, the approvals on Table 1 are hereby transferred effective August 7, 2020.

Copies of the approvals listed on Table 1 are available on the Commission's Water Application and Approval Viewer (WAAV) at [www.srbc.net/waav](http://www.srbc.net/waav).

Please note that Seneca may operate under the terms and conditions of the transferred approvals not inconsistent with the conditions of this transfer, provided that:

1. Within 120 days from approval of this transfer request, Seneca shall post updated signage that meets Commission specifications and displays required project description information. Signage specifications can be found at the Commission's website ([www.srbc.net](http://www.srbc.net)), along with example sign templates for reference. The signage shall be maintained for the duration of the approvals. Such signs shall be posted at the point of entry or access to the project facility from a public right-of-way. If there is any restriction to access at such point that would prevent an interested person from legibly viewing such sign, then Seneca shall post the sign at the nearest location to such point, along the route of ingress and egress to same, where an

interested person would have unrestricted access to legibly view such sign. Seneca shall submit photographs as proof of installation of the updated signage.

2. In accordance with the Commission's Regulatory Program Fee Schedule, these facilities continue to be subject to the Annual Compliance and Monitoring fee (ACMF). The ACMF is contained in the Regulatory Program Fee Schedule, which may be modified over the term of the approvals. The ACMF will be invoiced separately.

Outstanding post-approval items should be submitted electronically via the Monitoring Data Website (MDW). If you have any questions regarding the submittal of post-approval conditions, please feel free to contact Steve McFeaters at (717) 238-0423, extension 1225, or via e-mail at [samcfeaters@srbc.net](mailto:samcfeaters@srbc.net).

Please be advised that, under 18 CFR § 808.11, you have a duty to comply with all provisions of the Susquehanna River Basin Compact (Compact), as well as the Commission's rules, regulations, orders, approvals, conditions of approval, and any other requirements of the Commission. It is your obligation to fulfill all conditions of this approval within the specified time limits and provide written notification to the Commission, as appropriate, and comply with all conditions set forth therein. Failure to meet any term or condition within the specified time may subject you to enforcement action and imposition of civil penalties pursuant to 18 CFR Part 808, Subpart B, and Section 15.17 of the Compact. Penalties range from \$50 to \$1,000 per day, per condition (which includes exceeding approved quantities), with every day being a separate offense.

Pursuant to 18 CFR § 808.2 relating to administrative appeals, any appeal to this action must be made to the Commission within 30 days of receipt of this notice. All appeals must be made in writing on the Commission's Notice of Appeal form and conform to the requirements of 18 CFR § 808.2. Pursuant to 18 CFR § 808.2(i), an appeal made under this section stays the commencement of the 90-day appeal period to Federal Court contained in Section 3.10(6) of the Compact.

Should you have any questions, please contact Todd Eaby, Manager of Project Review, at (717) 238-0423, extension 1234, or via e-mail at [teaby@srbc.net](mailto:teaby@srbc.net).

Sincerely,



Andrew D. Dehoff  
Executive Director

Enclosure: Table 1

cc: Christopher Yeakel – PADEP-Williamsport, PA

**Table 1**

List of SRBC Docket Numbers and Sources  
Approved for Transfer from SWEPI LP to Seneca Resources Company, LLC

<b>Docket #</b>	<b>Source Name</b>	<b>Municipality</b>	<b>County/State</b>	<b>Type of Approval</b>
20161218.2	Cowanesque River - Deerfield	Deerfield Township	Tioga/PA	Surface Water
20190311	Cowanesque River - Westfield	Westfield Township	Tioga/PA	Surface Water
20181210	Cowanesque River - Egleston	Nelson Township	Tioga/PA	Surface Water
20170909	Elk Run	Sullivan Township	Tioga/PA	Surface Water
20180306	Susquehanna River - Welles	Sheshequin Township	Bradford/PA	Surface Water



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**Docket No. 20180306**

**Approval Date: March 8, 2018**

## **SWEPI LP**

**Surface Water Withdrawal (Peak Day) of up to 0.850 mgd  
from the Susquehanna River**

### **Section 1. Approval**

After review of the record, including the technical findings of Susquehanna River Basin Commission (Commission) staff, the Commission has determined that no significant adverse impacts are anticipated by the operation of this project as described and conditioned herein, the project is physically feasible, and does not conflict with or adversely affect the Commission's Comprehensive Plan. Accordingly, the Commission hereby approves renewal of the project described herein in accordance with the conditions set forth below.

This approval is a renewal of Commission Docket No. 20140312 that was originally approved March 6, 2014, with no special flow protection requirements. The project sponsor did not request any changes to the project. Commission staff recommended special flow protection requirements consistent with current policy. This approval incorporates those recommendations.

Commission staff has coordinated with the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (PADEP), the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR), and the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission (PFBC) during review of this project.

### **Section 2. Project Information**

Information concerning the project sponsor, water use type, and location are set forth in the table below.

<b>Project Information</b>	
<b>Project Sponsor:</b>	SWEPI LP
<b>Approval Type:</b>	Surface Water Withdrawal
<b>Past Docket No.:</b>	20140312
<b>Authorized Water Use Purpose:</b>	Hydrocarbon Development and Related Incidental Uses
<b>Municipality:</b>	Sheshequin Township
<b>County:</b>	Bradford County
<b>State:</b>	Pennsylvania

### Section 3. Source Information

Information concerning the source of water from which the withdrawal will be made is set forth in the table below.

Source Information	
<b>Approved Source:</b>	Susquehanna River
<b>Subbasin:</b>	Middle Susquehanna
<b>Watershed Boundary Dataset (WBD):</b>	0205010605 (Upper Susquehanna River)
<b>Water Use Designation:</b>	Warm Water Fishery (WWF)
<b>Withdrawal Location (degrees):</b>	Lat: 41.864200 N Long: 76.498055 W
<b>Site Flow Statistics (cfs):</b>	Q7-10 = 575; Average Daily Flow = 10,600
<b>Impairment:</b>	Mercury; Polychlorinated Biphenyl (PCB)
<b>Drainage Area (square miles):</b>	7,565
<b>Aquatic Resource Class*:</b>	6
<b>Special Flow Protection Required:</b>	Yes
cfs – cubic feet per second	
* Refer to Commission Policy No. 2012-01 (Low Flow Protection Policy Related to Withdrawal Approvals)	

### Section 4. Approved Withdrawal Quantities and Limitations

The withdrawal approved hereunder is subject to the quantitative limits and restrictions set forth in the table below.

Approved Withdrawal Quantities and Limitations		
Peak Day Withdrawal Amount (mgd):		0.850 (Not to Exceed, When Available)
Maximum Instantaneous Withdrawal Rate (gpm):		600 (Not to Exceed)
Flow Protection Type:		Seasonal passby expressed as monthly values
Method for Monitoring Flow Protection:		Off-site monitoring of USGS Real-Time Gage 01531500; Susquehanna River at Towanda, Pennsylvania
Passby Schedule:		
Month	On-Site Flow Protection Rate (cfs)	Off-Site Monitoring Threshold for Flow Protection (cfs)*
January	--	--
February	--	--
March	--	--
April	--	--
May	--	--
June	--	--

<b>Approved Withdrawal Quantities and Limitations (continued)</b>		
<b>Passby Schedule:</b>		
<i>Month</i>	<i>On-Site Flow Protection Rate (cfs)</i>	<i>Off-Site Monitoring Threshold for Flow Protection (cfs)*</i>
July	859	885
August	651	671
September	598	616
October	755	778
November	--	--
December	--	--
mgd – million gallons per day 1 cfs = 448.8 gallons per minute (gpm) * Flow Protection Threshold		
USGS – U.S. Geological Survey -- – No special flow protection required		

The withdrawal is also subject to all other conditions set forth in this docket approval.

## Section 5. Standard Conditions

1. The project sponsor shall comply with all Commission regulations, 18 CFR Parts 801, 806, and 808. This project is subject to the Annual Compliance and Monitoring fee as specified in the Commission's Regulatory Program Fee Schedule, which may be modified over the term of the approval.

2. The project sponsor shall adhere to the metering plan reviewed and approved by Commission staff. Any modifications proposed for the metering plan shall be submitted for review and, if appropriate, approval by Commission staff in accordance with Commission Regulation 18 CFR § 806.30. Modifications shall not be made until the project sponsor receives written approval of the amended plan.

3. The project sponsor shall maintain the totalizing meter and other flow and volume measuring devices, accurate to within five (5) percent, so as to provide an accurate record of withdrawals, and certify to the Commission once every five (5) years, or as otherwise requested, the accuracy of all measuring devices and methods to within five (5) percent of actual flow.

4. The project sponsor shall adhere to the intake design reviewed and approved by Commission staff. Any modifications proposed by the project sponsor for the permitted intake structure shall be submitted for review and, if appropriate, approval by Commission staff in accordance with Commission Regulations 18 CFR § 806.21 and § 806.23 prior to undertaking such modification(s).

5. The project sponsor shall keep daily records of the project's withdrawal and shall report the data to the Commission quarterly, and as otherwise required, in the form and manner as prescribed by Commission staff. Quarterly monitoring reports shall be submitted online and are due within thirty (30) days after the close of the preceding quarter. Any alternative measuring, monitoring, or accounting procedure requested by the project sponsor shall be

submitted for review and approval by Commission staff in accordance with Commission Regulation 18 CFR § 806.30. Modifications shall not be made until the project sponsor receives written approval of the amended plan. All data collected and submitted as required under this approval shall be maintained by the project sponsor for the duration of the approval and all subsequent renewals.

6. Within sixty (60) days from notice of this approval, the project sponsor shall post an updated sign that meets Commission specifications and displays required project description information. Signage specifications can be found at the Commission's website ([www.srbc.net](http://www.srbc.net)), along with example sign templates for reference. The sign shall be maintained for the duration of the approval. Such sign shall be posted at the point of entry or access to the project facility from a public right-of-way. If there is any restriction to access at such point that would prevent an interested person from legibly viewing such sign, then the project sponsor shall post the sign at the nearest location to such point, along the route of ingress and egress to same, where an interested person would have unrestricted access to legibly view such sign. The project sponsor shall submit photographs as proof of installation of the updated sign.

7. The project sponsor or any other person representing the project sponsor shall allow authorized employees or agents of the Commission, without advance notice, at any reasonable time and upon presentation of appropriate credentials, and without delay, to have access to and to inspect all areas where the project is being constructed, operated, or maintained, or otherwise exercise all investigative powers authorized under Commission Regulation 18 CFR § 808.12.

8. In accordance with Commission Regulation 18 CFR § 806.30(b)(2), the project sponsor shall report violations of any withdrawal limits and any conditions of this approval within five (5) days of such violation or report loss of measuring or recording capabilities required under Commission Regulation 18 CFR § 806.30(a)(1) within five (5) days after any such loss.

9. In accordance with Commission Regulation 18 CFR § 806.6, if ownership of the project changes or if the project sponsor undergoes a name change, the project sponsor shall submit application for transfer or reissuance of this approval to the Commission within ninety (90) days of the change in ownership or project sponsor name change.

10. The project sponsor shall comply with the water conservation requirements specified in Commission Regulation 18 CFR § 806.25.

11. This approval is conditioned on the project sponsor maintaining legal access to the withdrawal location for the duration of the approval.

12. The project sponsor shall register with the appropriate agency all surface water sources described herein, as may be required by regulations of the member jurisdiction.

13. If the project sponsor fails to comply with the provisions of the Susquehanna River Basin Compact or any rule, regulation, or order of the Commission, or any term or condition of

this docket, the project sponsor is subject to enforcement actions pursuant to Commission Regulation 18 CFR Part 808.

14. Commission approval shall not be construed to exempt the project sponsor from obtaining and maintaining all necessary permits and/or approvals required for the project from other federal, state, or local government agencies having jurisdiction over the project. All such permits and/or approvals shall be obtained prior to the withdrawal of water. The Commission may modify, suspend, or revoke this approval if the project sponsor fails to obtain or maintain such permits and/or approvals.

15. The Commission may at any time reopen any project approval or issue such additional orders, as may be necessary, to mitigate or avoid adverse impacts or otherwise to protect public health, safety, welfare, or the environment, pursuant to Commission Regulation 18 CFR § 806.32.

16. Commission approval confers no property rights upon the project sponsor. The securing of all rights necessary and incident to the project sponsor's development and operation of the project shall be the sole and exclusive responsibility of the project sponsor, and this approval shall be subject thereto.

17. This project is approved for inclusion in the Commission's Comprehensive Plan for the Water Resources of the Susquehanna River Basin.

18. In accordance with Commission Regulation 18 CFR § 806.31(d), if the project is discontinued for such a time and under such circumstances that an abandonment of the project may be reasonably inferred, the Commission may rescind the approval of the project.

19. The project sponsor is required to apply for and obtain approval prior to any increase in withdrawal that would exceed the amounts listed herein.

## **Section 6. Special Conditions**

20. Effective April 1, 2018, the project sponsor shall cease all withdrawals from the approved source when streamflow, as measured at the U.S. Geological Survey stream gage specified in Section 4, is less than the applicable flow protection threshold specified in Section 4, and shall not reinstate withdrawals until the streamflow is equal to or exceeds such flow protection threshold.

21. The project sponsor shall, on a daily basis, collect and record streamflow as measured at the U.S. Geological Survey stream gage specified in Section 4, and shall report the data to the Commission quarterly, and as otherwise required, in the form and manner as prescribed by Commission staff. Quarterly monitoring reports shall be submitted online and are due within thirty (30) days after the close of the preceding quarter. The project sponsor may propose alternative flow monitoring to the Commission for staff review and, if appropriate, approval.

22. Prior to any withdrawal from the source listed in Section 3, the project sponsor shall install and maintain metering in accordance with Commission Regulation 18 CFR § 806.30. The project sponsor shall notify the Commission, in writing, and submit photographs of the meter when it has been installed, provide the serial number of the meter, and certify the accuracy of the measuring device to within five (5) percent of actual flow. Withdrawals shall not commence until Commission staff has approved the implementation of the approved metering plan and notified the project sponsor of such approval.

23. The project is fully constructed and no changes are proposed. However, if changes are proposed or maintenance requires instream work, the project sponsor should adhere to recommendations provided by PFBC in the September 27, 2017, Pennsylvania Natural Diversity Inventory (PNDI) response for avoiding adverse impact to documented occurrences of rare species at or in proximity to the project location. The documented species are elktoe mussel (*Alasmidonta marginata*) and triangle floater mussel (*Alasmidonta undulata*).

24. Except as authorized pursuant to Special Condition 26, the project sponsor shall only supply water for use in hydrocarbon development to persons who have properly registered this approval pursuant to Commission Regulation 18 CFR § 806.22(f)(12).

25. The project sponsor shall keep daily records, and shall report the same to the Commission upon request, of all persons supplied water from the project for use in hydrocarbon development, including daily quantities supplied. The project sponsor also shall keep daily records, and shall report the same to the Commission upon request, of all persons supplied water from the project for uses other than hydrocarbon development authorized pursuant to Special Condition 26, including daily quantities supplied.

26. Prior to supplying water for any use not authorized pursuant to Section 2 of this approval, the project sponsor shall first submit a request for minor modification under Commission Regulation 18 CFR § 806.18(c)(4) for such new use to the Executive Director. The project sponsor shall not supply water for such use unless and until such authorization is granted, and pursuant to any supplemental terms and conditions contained in such approval.

27. The project sponsor shall demonstrate to the satisfaction of the Commission that appropriate controls and treatment to prevent the spread of aquatic nuisance species are employed at the water withdrawal site.

## **Section 7. Term**

28. This approval shall be effective April 1, 2018, and shall remain effective until March 31, 2023. As specified in Commission Regulation 18 CFR § 806.31(e), if the project sponsor submits an application on or before September 30, 2022, the project sponsor may continue operation of this project pursuant to the terms and conditions of this approval until such time as the Commission acts on such application, or until otherwise notified by the Executive Director.

29. Commission Docket No. 20140312 shall remain effective through March 31, 2018, whereupon it shall expire.

**CERTIFICATION:** I, Stephanie L. Richardson, Secretary to the Susquehanna River Basin Commission, do hereby certify that the foregoing project docket was approved by the Susquehanna River Basin Commission on March 8, 2018.

Dated: March 9, 2018

  
Stephanie L. Richardson