

SUSQUEHANNA RIVER BASIN COMMISSION

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STATE COLLEGE FRIENDS LIMITED PARTNERSHIP FACILITY: TOFTREES GOLF RESORT

Surface Water Withdrawal (Peak Day) of up to 0.750 mgd from Pond 9, and Consumptive Use (Peak Day) of up to 0.750 mgd from Pond 9 and Treated Wastewater Effluent

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 and modification of the project described herein in accordance with the conditions set forth below.

This approval is a renewal and modification of the project which was previously approved by Commission Docket No. 20021010 on October 10, 2002. The project sponsor has requested an increase to the withdrawal above the previously grandfathered quantity of 0.216 million gallons per day (mgd) (30-day average) and consumptive use to accommodate a new, expanded irrigation sprinkler system. Following technical review, and consistent with applicable regulatory standards, Commission staff recommended that the requested rate of withdrawal of 0.750 mgd and 1,200 gallons per minute (gpm) be approved, and the rate of consumptive use be increased from 0.270 mgd to 0.750 mgd, herein referred to as the modified rates. Commission staff recommended no special flow protection requirements consistent with current policy. This approval incorporates those recommendations.

The project uses an on-site well for domestic purposes at the golf course maintenance office and maintenance shop. The well is also used for equipment wash down and spray tank fill up. Consumptive use associated with equipment wash down and spray tank fill up is considered de minimis. Water from the well is not consumptively used for irrigation.

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.

Project Information		
Project Sponsor:	State College Friends Limited Partnership	
Facility:	Toftrees Golf Resort	
Approval Types:	Surface Water Withdrawal and Consumptive Use	
Previous Docket No:	20021010	
Authorized Water Use Purpose:	Golf Course and Landscape Irrigation and Related	
	Incidental Uses	
Municipality:	Patton Township	
County:	Centre County	
State:	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		
Approved Source:	Pond 9	
Subbasin:	West Branch Susquehanna	
Watershed Boundary Dataset (WBD):	0205020401 (Spring Creek)	
Water Use Designation:	Cold Water Fishery (CWF)*	
Withdrawal Location (degrees):	Lat: 40.826615 N Long: 77.900859 W	
Site Flow Statistics (cfs):	Q7-10 = 0.10; Average Daily Flow = 0.48	
Drainage Area (square miles):	0.4	
Aquatic Resource Class**:	1	
Special Flow Protection Required:	No	
cfs – cubic feet per second		

* Refers to closest delineated surface waterbody (unnamed tributary to Big Hollow Creek) ** 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):	0.750 (Not to Exceed)	
Maximum Instantaneous Withdrawal Rate (gpm):	1,200 (Not to Exceed)	

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

Section 5. Approved Consumptive Use Quantities and Limitations

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

Approved Consumptive Use Quantities and Limitations			
Sources for Project Consumptive Use:	1. Pond 9		
	2. Treated Wastewater Effluent – The		
	Pennsylvania State University		
Peak Day Consumptive Use Amount			
(mgd):	0.750 (Not to Exceed)		
Authorized Project Consumptive Uses:	1. Golf Course and Landscape Irrigation		
	2. Related Incidental Uses		
Consumptive Use Mitigation Type:	Utilize Storage (see Special Condition 20)		

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

Section 6. Grandfathering Determination – Withdrawals and Consumptive Use

With this approval, all withdrawals and consumptive use by the project have Commission approval.

Section 7. 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 18 CFR § 806.30. Modifications shall not be made until the project sponsor receives written approval of the amended plan.

3. Prior to any withdrawal or consumptive use from the source listed in Section 3 at the modified rates, the project sponsor shall install and maintain metering in accordance with 18 CFR § 806.30 and the approved metering plan. 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 or consumptive use at the modified rates shall not commence until Commission staff has approved the implementation of the approved metering plan and notified the project sponsor of such approval.

4. 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 consumptive uses, 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.

5. 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 18 CFR § 806.21 and § 806.23 prior to undertaking such modification(s).

6. 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 18 CFR § 808.12.

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

8. In accordance with 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 all approvals to the Commission within ninety (90) days of the change in ownership or project sponsor name change.

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

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

11. 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.

12. 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 18 CFR Part 808.

13. 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.

14. 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 18 CFR § 806.32.

15. 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.

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

17. The project sponsor is required to apply for and obtain approval prior to any increase in withdrawal or consumptive use that would exceed the amounts listed herein or to add a source used for consumptive use that is not listed in Section 5.

Section 8. Special Conditions

18. Grandfathering Certificate of Registration No. GF-201903024 issued on March 18, 2019, is hereby rescinded effective December 31, 2022.

19. The project sponsor shall keep daily records of the project's withdrawal, consumptive use, and treated wastewater effluent received from The Pennsylvania State University, 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 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.

20. The project's full consumptive use is subject to mitigation requirements, as per 18 CFR § 806.22(b). Consistent with Section 5, mitigation requirements for consumptive use at the project are outlined below:

- a. To satisfy the Commission's mitigation requirements for consumptive use by using storage during a Commission-designated low flow period of consumptive use in accordance with 18 CFR § 806.22(b)(1)(i), the project sponsor shall adhere to the consumptive use mitigation plan reviewed and approved by Commission staff. Any modifications proposed for the consumptive use mitigation plan shall be submitted for review and, if appropriate, approval by Commission staff. Modifications shall not be made until the project sponsor receives written approval of the amended plan.
- b. In any case of the project sponsor's failure to adhere to the mitigation plan for the consumptive use mitigation requirements described in Section 5 and Special Condition 20(a), the Commission will reevaluate the continued acceptability of the method of mitigation.

21. Prior to supplying water for any use not authorized pursuant to Sections 2 or 5 of this approval, the project sponsor shall first submit a minor modification application under 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.

Section 9. Term

22. This approval shall be effective January 1, 2023, and shall remain effective until December 31, 2037. As specified in 18 CFR § 806.31(e), if the project sponsor submits an application on or before June 30, 2037, 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.

23. Commission Docket No. 20021010 shall remain effective through December 31, 2022, whereupon it shall expire.

CERTIFICATION: I, Jason E. Oyler, Secretary to the Susquehanna River Basin Commission, do hereby certify that the foregoing project docket was approved by the Susquehanna River Basin Commission on December 15, 2022.

Dated: December 16, 2022

Jason E. Oyler, Esc