REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION

HENDERSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

MEETING DATE:

September 8, 2015

SUBJECT:

Public Service Gas Company - Natural Gas Line

Easement on School Property

PRESENTER:

C. Russell Burrell, County Attorney

ATTACHMENTS:

Easements

SUMMARY OF REQUEST:

Public Service Gas Company (PSNC) has requested that the two early natural gas line easements (attached) that exist on the property at Apple Valley Middle and North Henderson High Schools be replaced and combined with a new easement (attached). The older easements are "blanket" easements that give PSNC the right to place gas pipelines almost anywhere on the property. PSNC has surveyed the pipeline and created a plat narrowing the easement area to fifty feet (50) that goes across the corner of the property. PSNC would like to define the actual easement area and show it represented by a metes and bounds description. This is only a definition of the easement and no money is involved with executing the new easement.

BOARD ACTION REQUESTED:

Request that the Board consider approving the new easement and authorize the County Manager to execute it as presented.

Suggested Motion:

I move that the Board of Commissioners approve the new easement and authorize the County Manager to execute it as presented.

New/Combine?

EASEMENT

Prepared By:
Public Service of North Carolina, Incorporated
Return To:
SCANA Corporation
Attn: Craig Bodie
800-A Gaston Rd.
Gastonia, NC 28056

 Line No.
 T-001A Replacement

 Parcel No.
 1013176

 R/W No.
 HE-172

 Project No.
 0059354

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF HENDERSON

Know all men by these presents that for and in consideration of the sum of Ten Dollars (\$10.00) and other valuable consideration paid to COUNTY OF HENDERSON_ ("Grantor", whether one or more), the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, Grantor hereby conveys unto PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY OF NORTH CAROLINA, INCORPORATED, a South Carolina corporation d/b/a PSNC ENERGY, and its successors and assigns ("PSNC"), a perpetual easement for installing, laying, constructing, maintaining, inspecting, operating, repairing, altering, replacing, changing the size of, and removing a pipeline or pipelines (together with appurtenant facilities including, but not limited to, valves, regulators, meters, fittings, appliances, tie-overs, pipeline markers, communications and electrical service, and corrosion control equipment) (the pipeline(s) and appurtenant facilities are collectively referred to herein as "Facilities") for the transportation and control of natural gas under, upon, over, through, and across lands of Grantor, or in which Grantor has an interest, situate in Clear Creek Township, Henderson County, North Carolina, as described in that instrument recorded in Book 1431, Page 253, Henderson County Registry ("Grantor's Land"). The easement granted herein shall be located as shown on Exhibit A, which are attached hereto and incorporated herein (the "Permanent Right of Way").

PSNC shall have the right to install, lay, construct, maintain, inspect, operate, repair, alter, replace, change the size of, and remove, at any time and from time to time, additional Facilities within the Easement Area, including one or more additional pipelines and appurtenances thereto, without the payment of additional compensation, such rights being included in this Easement and the consideration paid hereunder. All Facilities installed by PSNC shall be and remain the property of PSNC and may be removed or replaced by it at any time and from time to time. PSNC shall have the right to assign this Easement and the rights granted herein, in whole or in part, at any time and from time to time.

PSNC shall have all rights necessary and convenient for exercising the rights granted herein, including, but not limited to, the right of ingress and egress over and across the Easement Area and Grantor's Land for access to and from the Easement Area, and, subject to the provisions of this Easement, the right from time to time to cut all trees, shrubs, and undergrowth, and to clear other obstructions located within the Easement Area, that PSNC determines, in its discretion, may injure, endanger, or interfere with the Facilities or its exercise of the rights granted herein. In exercising the right of ingress and egress outside of the Easement Area granted herein, PSNC shall make reasonable efforts to cause the least practicable interference with Grantor's use of Grantor's Land and use existing roads and driveways to the extent reasonably practicable. PSNC shall comply with all applicable federal, state, and local laws, ordinances, and regulations in exercising the rights granted herein.

Grantor, its heirs, successors, and assigns, shall not do the following within the Easement Area: (i) construct or permit to be constructed any temporary or permanent house, building, or other natural or manmade structure (including, but not limited to, wells, tanks, septic systems, and other natural or man-made obstructions of any nature or kind whatsoever), (ii) place or allow to be placed any other temporary or permanent obstruction that PSNC determines, in its discretion, could damage the Facilities or interfere with its exercise of the rights granted herein (including, but not limited to, the accumulation of garbage, rubble, disabled vehicles, tires, or debris, or the impoundment of water), (iii) plant or allow to be planted any trees, timber, orchards, or large shrubs, (iv) change the grade without prior written approval from PSNC, or (v) relocate or remove any pipeline markers.

Grantor may make full use and enjoyment of the Easement Area in any manner not inconsistent with the rights conveyed herein, including, without limitation: (a) plant, grow, and harvest seasonal crops whose root systems will not interfere with the Facilities, (b) build roads, streets, or aboveground utilities that cross the Easement Area so long as the centerline of such road, street, or aboveground utility crosses the centerline of the Easement Area as close to perpendicular as reasonably possible, as determined by PSNC, (c) construct fences and underground utilities that cross the Easement Area, but only upon advance written approval from PSNC as to the type, specifications, construction plans, and exact location of the proposed improvements, including clearance distances from the Facilities, and provided that any fences must provide access to the Easement Area suitable to PSNC. Grantor shall notify PSNC in writing at least thirty (30) days prior to any construction or maintenance activity within the Easement Area to obtain such approval and to allow PSNC's representative to be present during such activity.

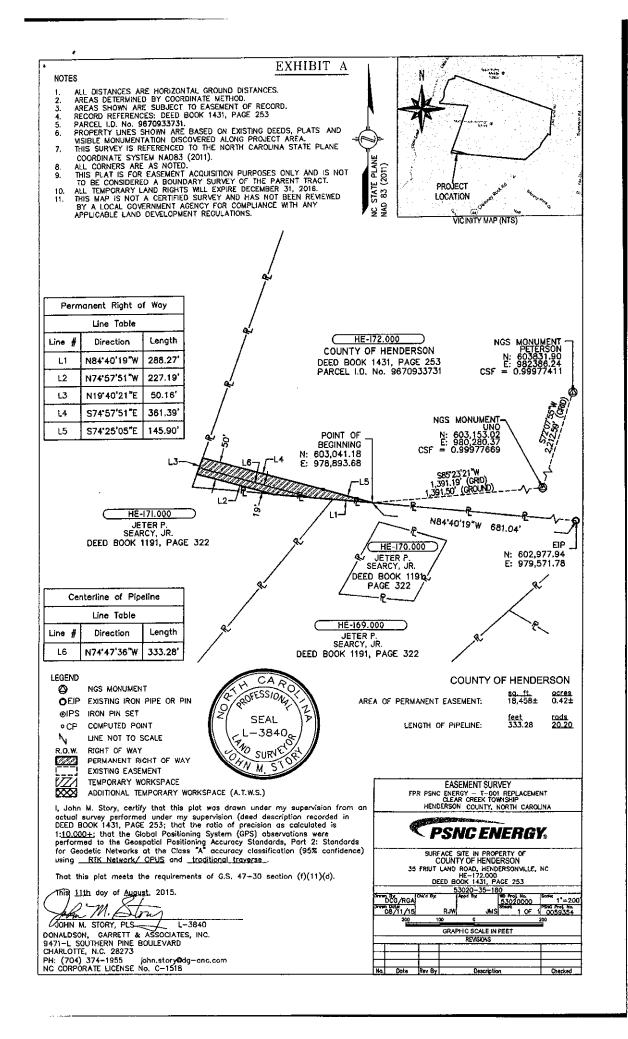
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It is understood and acknowledged by the undersigned that the person securing this grant on behalf of PSNC is without authority to make any agreement with regard to the subject matter hereof which is not expressed herein, and that no such agreement will be binding on PSNC.

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EXHIBIT A

(Survey of Easement Area)



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