



# SUSQUEHANNA RIVER BASIN COMMISSION

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## APPROVAL BY RULE UNDER 18 CFR § 806.22(f) FOR CONSUMPTIVE USE RELATED TO UNCONVENTIONAL NATURAL GAS DEVELOPMENT

<b>A. Project Sponsor:</b> <u>Cabot Oil &amp; Gas Corporation</u>	<b>D. Project Location Information:</b> Drilling Pad Name: <u>AdamsJ P1</u>
<b>B. NOI No.:</b> <u>NOI-2020-0196</u>	Municipality: <u>Harford Township</u>
<b>C. Project Approval:</b> <u>ABR-201007121.R2</u>	County: <u>Susquehanna County</u>
	State: <u>Pennsylvania</u>

**AUTHORIZATION**

This approval authorizes the project sponsor to consumptively use water of up to 5,000 million gallons per day (mgd) (based on a 30-day average) from sources separately approved for use by the project sponsor for unconventional natural gas development. Approved sources for the project sponsor are listed at [www.srbc.net](http://www.srbc.net) and may be added or removed subject to Susquehanna River Basin Commission (Commission) review.

The project's consumptive use is subject to mitigation requirements, as per 18 CFR § 806.22(b). The project will meet the mitigation requirement by paying the mitigation fee, which will be calculated and invoiced quarterly.

The Notice of Intent (NOI) referenced above, and all plans, specifications, and documents submitted by the project sponsor in support thereof are incorporated herein by reference and are a part of this approval.

This approval is subject to the conditions attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference.

This approval shall supersede any previous consumptive use approvals to the extent applicable to the project.

This approval is issued by the Executive Director pursuant to the authority set forth in 18 CFR § 806.22(f).

Approval Issued: October 28, 2020

Approval Expires: October 28, 2025

Andrew D. Dehoff, Executive Director

## **CONDITIONS**

1. The project sponsor shall comply with 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. Commission approval confers no property rights to 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.
3. 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 consumptive use 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.
4. 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.
5. The project sponsor shall provide the Commission with the planned schedule for drilling and hydrofracing wells covered by this approval, upon request by Commission staff.
6. This approval does not become effective until the project sponsor certifies to the Commission that it has received a drilling permit from the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (PADEP) authorizing the initiation of construction of the natural gas well related to this application. The project sponsor shall submit a copy of each drilling permit associated with this approval to the Commission.
7. The project sponsor shall submit Parts A (General Information) and B (Injection Report) of the Post-Hydrofracture Event Report (PHR) within ninety (90) days from the hydrofracture stimulation end date, or the date upon which Part C (Initial Fluid Recovery Report) is due, whichever is sooner. The project sponsor shall submit Part C of the PHR within sixty (60) days of the release of pressure.
8. Any unused water shall not be discharged back to the waters of the basin without appropriate controls and treatment including those necessary to prevent the spread of aquatic nuisance species.
9. 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.

10. 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 this approval to the Commission within ninety (90) days of the change in ownership or project sponsor name change.
11. As specified in 18 CFR § 806.31(e), if the project sponsor submits an application to the Commission no later than one (1) month prior to the expiration of this approval, 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.
12. 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.
13. In accordance with 18 CFR § 806.30(b)(2), the project sponsor shall report violation of limits and any conditions of this approval within five (5) days of such violation.