



# SUSQUEHANNA RIVER BASIN COMMISSION

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**Docket No. 20240914**

**Approval Date: September 12, 2024**

## **THE PROCTER & GAMBLE PAPER PRODUCTS COMPANY FACILITY: MEHOOPANY PLANT**

**Consumptive Use (Peak Day) of up to 2.750 mgd  
from the Susquehanna River and Well 4**

### **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 the project which was previously approved by Commission Docket No. 19940704 on July 14, 1994, and modified May 13, 1999, as Commission Docket No. 19940704-1. The Commission previously issued a Certificate of Registration for Grandfathered Water Use for the surface water withdrawal of 11.954 million gallons per day (mgd) from the Susquehanna River and for the groundwater withdrawal of 0.096 mgd from Well 4 under Certificate of Registration No. GF-202107176. The project sponsor has not requested, and Commission staff did not recommend, any changes to the project.

The facility has domestic water supplied by two separate on-site wells (Wells 2 and 5). Water from the domestic supply will not be used consumptively in facility operations, is considered to be de minimis, and is not subject to Commission review and approval.

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	
<b>Project Sponsor:</b>	The Procter & Gamble Paper Products Company
<b>Facility:</b>	Mehoopany Plant
<b>Approval Type:</b>	Consumptive Use
<b>Previous Docket Nos:</b>	19940704 and 19940704-1
<b>Authorized Water Use Purpose:</b>	Manufacturing of Paper Products, Cooling Tower Makeup, and Related Incidental Uses
<b>Municipality:</b>	Washington Township
<b>County:</b>	Wyoming County
<b>State:</b>	Pennsylvania

### Section 3. 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	
<b>Sources for Project Consumptive Use:</b>	1. Susquehanna River 2. Well 4
<b>Peak Day Consumptive Use Amount (mgd):</b>	2.750 (Not to Exceed)
<b>Authorized Project Consumptive Uses:</b>	1. Manufacturing of Paper Products 2. Cooling Tower Makeup 3. Related Incidental Uses
<b>Consumptive Use Mitigation Type:</b>	Payment of consumptive use mitigation fee

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

### Section 4. Grandfathering Determination – Withdrawals

The Executive Director issued Certificate of Registration No. GF-202107176 for the Susquehanna River and Well 4 on July 22, 2021, pursuant to 18 CFR § 806.44.

### 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 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 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.

4. The project sponsor shall keep daily records of the project's consumptive use 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.

5. The project's consumptive use is subject to mitigation requirements, as per 18 CFR § 806.22(b). To satisfy the Commission's current mitigation requirements for consumptive use, the project sponsor shall make quarterly payments to the Commission at the rate specified in the effective Regulatory Program Fee Schedule, as modified from time to time by the Commission. For the purposes of this project, 1.365 mgd was determined to be the project's pre-1971 consumptive use and is considered to not be subject to consumptive use mitigation payment. Payments shall be made quarterly and shall be calculated by applying this rate to the total amount of water consumptively used by the project during the preceding calendar quarter. Quarterly payments are due and payable within thirty (30) days after the close of the preceding quarter. The rate of payment, after appropriate notice to consumptive users of water using this method of compliance, is subject to change at the Commission's discretion.

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 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 water sources described herein, and adhere to reporting requirements 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 consumptive use that would exceed the amount listed herein or to add a source used for consumptive use that is not listed in Section 3.

## **Section 6. Special Conditions**

18. Prior to supplying water for any use not authorized pursuant to Sections 2 or 3 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.

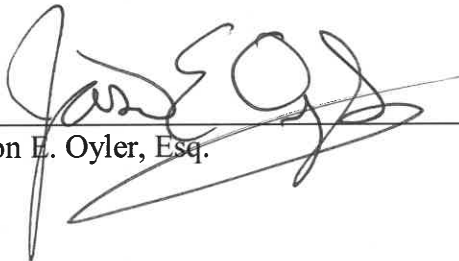
## **Section 7. Term**

19. This approval shall be effective October 1, 2024, and shall remain effective until September 30, 2039. As specified in 18 CFR § 806.31(e), if the project sponsor submits an application on or before March 31, 2039, 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.

20. Commission Docket Nos. 19940704 and 19940704-1 shall remain effective through September 30, 2024, whereupon they 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 September 12, 2024.

Dated: September 13, 2024

  
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Jason E. Oyler, Esq.