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DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION
SOUTHWEST REGIONAL OFFICE

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James E. Rosenberg
555 Davidson Road
Grindstone, PA 15442

Re: Response to Public Comments Regarding GP5-26-00587C
Laurel Mountain Midstream Operating, LLC
Springhill #2 Compressor Station
Springhill Township
Fayette County

Dear Mr. Rosenberg:


On July 5, 2013, the Department of Environmental Protection (Department) received an application from Laurel Mountain Midstream Operating, LLC for authorization to use General Plan Approval and/or General Operating Permit BAQ-GPA/GP-5 (GP-5) for the existing Springhill #2 Compressor Station located in Springhill Township, Fayette County. On July 2, 2013, the Department received comments and requests to hold a public hearing in regards to the above referenced application to use the general permit.

General plan approvals and general operating permits are issued on a state-wide basis by the Department's Central Office in Harrisburg. GP-5 was issued on February 1, 2013, following the opportunity for public comment. Once a general permit is issued, the use may be authorized for individual applications by a regional office provided that the proposed source meets the standard parameters of the general permit. The regulations specifically provide for an opportunity to request a public hearing on a case-by-case plan approval applications under 25 Pa. Code §127.48. However, the regulations do not provide for public hearings on specific uses of a general permit. Accordingly, the Department did not hold a public hearing or conference in regards the above referenced application to use GP-5.

The Department has considered your other comments during the review of the application and concluded that the application meets all GP-5 requirements. Please see the attached review memorandum. Accordingly, the Department authorized the use of GP-5 on December 23, 2013.

Please feel free to contact me at 412.442.4028 (phone) or 412.442.4194 (fax) if you have any questions or need additional information.

Sincerely,


Alexander Sandy
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Enclosure

cc: GP5-26-00587C – thru M. Wayner
Operations – thru T. Kuntz

OCC – M. Heilman
Harrisburg C.O. Permits