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PA.P.U.C. SECRETARY'S BUREAU March 18, 2013

Secretary Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission 400 North Street Harrisburg, PA 17120

# Re: Docket No. A-2012-2293755; Notice of Withdrawal of <u>Pipeline Operator Registration; Pennsylvania Land Holdings Company, LLC</u>

Dear Secretary:

On or about March 16, 2012, Pennsylvania Land Holdings Company, LLC ("PLHC") filed an initial pipeline operator registration form and the applicable registration fee with the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission ("Pa PUC") in good faith compliance with the Gas and Hazardous Liquids Pipelines Act (Act 127 of 2011) and the Final Implementation Order issued by the Pa PUC on February 17, 2012. In the cover letter accompanying that registration, PLHC explained that the registration form was filed out of an abundance of caution and not because PLHC believed that it was truly in the business of operating natural gas pipelines. (A copy of that March 16, 2012 cover letter is enclosed.)

PLHC's March 16, 2012 letter explained that PLHC is primarily a holding company for coal and coal-related real property assets for certain Pennsylvania coal mining affiliates of Alpha Natural Resources, Inc. As a part of this function, PLHC acquires and holds some natural gas assets located within the mine plans of these affiliated coal mines, which assets include natural gas wells and the associated pipelines. PLHC acquired these assets with the intention of transferring the gas wells to its coal mining affiliates so that they can plug and abandon the wells in advance of coal mining. This practice allows the coal mines to mine through (rather than mine around) the location of the well bores, thereby increasing the mine's efficiency and productivity.

As of March 16, 2012, the date of the initial registration, PLHC owned 15.3 miles of Class 1 pipeline with 24 "farm taps" in Greene County, Pennsylvania. Subsequent to the date of PLHC's registration, PLHC removed all of these "farm taps" from the Class 1 pipeline that it owns. PLHC believes that the removal of these "farm taps" from its Class 1 pipeline takes PLHC out of the definition of "pipeline operator" under Act 127 of 2011. Therefore, PLHC will not be filing a pipeline operator registration form with the Pa PUC for 2013.

In addition, PLHC seeks to de-register as a "pipeline operator." PLHC's March 16, 2012 letter placed the Pa PUC on notice that PLHC reserved its privilege or right to de-register upon completion of taking the "farm taps" off of its Class 1 pipeline. PLHC desires to exercise this privilege or right at this time. Secretary, Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission March 18, 2013 Page 2 of 2

If there are any questions regarding the information contained in this notice letter, or if you need more information, please feel free to contact me at 724-627-4511.

Sincerely, James Cappucci

Pennsylvania Land Holdings Company, LLC

Enclosures: (1) Initial Pipeline Operator Registration Form; and (2) Cover Letter

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Total Class 2, 3 & 4 PA miles: Total Hazardous Lines PA miles: Initial Registration – Calendar Year 2011 Questions: 717-772-7777 (Secretary)

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### Pennsylvania Pipeline Operator Annual Registration Form

- 1. Applicant (Registrant) Name: Pennsylvania Land Holdings Company, LLC
- 2. Types of Pipelines and/or Facilities. Pipelines and/or facilities covered by this registration form are associated with the following types of facilities and transport the following types of commodities: (select all that apply)

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Pennsylvania Pipeline Operator Annual Registration Form									
Applicant (Registrant) Name: Pennsylvania Land Holdings Company, LLC									
9. Federal EIN Number: <u>84-1452626</u>									
10. Pipeline Emergency (PEMA) Contact Information:									
Name: <u>Rickey Bissett</u>	Email Address: rbissett@alphanr.com								
Address: <u>158 Portal Road</u>	Telephone No.: <u>724-852-5994</u> ext:								
Address 2: P.O. Box 1020									
City: WaynesburgState: PA	Zip Code: <u>15370</u>								
11. Attorney (if applicable):									
Name: Richard T. Miller	Email Address: <u>rtmiller@alphanr.com</u>								
Address: 999 Corporate Blvd. Suite 300	Теlephone No.: <u>410-689-7517</u> ext:								
Address 2:									
City: Linthicum Heights State: MD	Zlp Code: <u>21090</u>								

#### 12. Operational Information. (Attach additional sheets as necessary)

- List on the top right corner of page one of this form the total in-state pipeline mileage in operation as of December 31 of the prior year for all Class 2, 3, and 4 Pennsylvania natural gas pipelines and all Pennsylvania hazardous liquids pipelines.
- For each Pennsylvania natural gas pipeline, provide the in-state mileage in operation as of December 31 of the prior year by class and by county as indicated in the attached table entitled "Natural Gas Pipeline County Location and Mileage."
- For each Pennsylvania hazardous liquids pipeline, provide the in-state mileage in operation as of December 31 of the prior year by type and county as Indicated in the attached table entitled "Hazardous Liquids Pipeline County Location and Mileage."
- The country of manufacture for all tubular steel products installed in the prior calendar year in Pennsylvania for the exploration, gathering, or transportation of natural gas or hazardous liquids as indicated in the attached table entitled, "Country of Manufacture."
- 13. Filing Fee: \$250, payable to the "Commonwealth of Pennsylvania" (or ePay if eFiled).

Fee Exemptions: Propane Distributor registered with PA L&I

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14. Verification of Application. I hereby state that the statements made in this application are true and correct to the best of my/our knowledge and belief. The undersigned understands that false statements herein are made subject to the penalties of 18 Pa. C.S. Section 4904 Relating to Unsworn Falsification to Authorities.

Richard T. Miller

Vice President and Assistant General Counsel Title

Date

### Attachment A

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# Hazardous Liquids Pipeline County Location and Mileage

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### Attachment C

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March 16, 2012

Secretary Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission 400 North Street Harrisburg, PA 17120

## Re: Pennsylvania Pipeline Operator Registration Form for Pennsylvania Land Holdings Company, LLC

Dear Secretary:

In compliance with the Gas and Hazardous Liquids Pipelines Act (Act 127 of 2011) and the Final Implementation Order issued by the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission ("Pa PUC") on February 17, 2012, this company, Pennsylvania Land Holdings Company, LLC ("PLHC"), hereby submits its initial pipeline operator registration form and the applicable Two Hundred Fifty Dollar (\$250.00) registration fee.

PLHC is primarily a holding company for coal and coal-related real property assets for certain Pennsylvania coal mining affiliates of Alpha Natural Resources, Inc. As a part of this function, PLHC acquires and holds some natural gas assets located within the mine plans of these affiliated coal mines, which assets include natural gas wells and the associated pipelines. PLHC acquired these assets with the intention of transferring the gas wells to its coal mining affiliates so that they can plug and abandon the wells in advance of coal mining. Otherwise, the coal mines likely would be required to mine around these gas wells, which would result in the sterilization of valuable coal reserves and the slow-down or interruption of coal production. While PLHC generally believes it is not a "pipeline operator" subject to the Pa PUC's jurisdiction, PLHC does own pipeline facilities in Class 1 locations that, at least on a temporary basis, may be considered "farm taps." Therefore, PLHC has undertaken a good faith effort to determine whether it must comply with the registration requirement under Act 127 and has decided to file a registration form out of an abundance of caution.

In this regard, PLHC hereby notifies the Pa PUC that, as part of its affiliated coal mining operations and pursuant to agreements in place with land owners along the pipeline, <u>PLHC will</u> be taking these potential farm taps out of service on or before July 1, 2012. In the interim and, again, out of an abundance of caution, PLHC attaches the necessary registration form and attachment to ensure compliance. That being said, PLHC reserves the right to de-register when these facilities are taken out of service and to seek an adjustment for any assessment levied against PLHC.

Pennsylvania Land Holdings Company, LLC

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PLHC has not installed any tubular steel product during the preceding calendar year and does not own or operate any hazardous liquids pipelines. Therefore, PLHC has not filled out Attachments A and C to the registration form.

If there are any questions regarding the information contained in this filing, please feel free to contact me at 410-689-7517.

Sincerely, Mille Ľ hay

Richard T. Miller Vice President and Assistant General Counsel Alpha Natural Resources Services, LLC For Pennsylvania Land Holdings Company, LLC



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